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INFORMATION

WHAT YOU NEED	WHERE TO GET IT
I. Junior and Baby Division—	
Leaflets, report blanks, membership certificates, organization blanks, year book, pledge cards, Standard of Excellence	Mrs. R. H. Harper, Oakdale, La.
Pins (15c), pennant (25c), Catechism (5c), curios, mite boxes, year books (25c per dozen).....	Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.
Young Christian Worker (25c).....	"Young Christian Worker," 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.
Mission Study Books—	
"African Adventurers," by Jean Kenyon MacKenzie; (price 30c)...	Smith & Lamar, Dallas, Texas, or
"Bearers of the Torch," by Katharine R. Crowell; (price, paper, 29c)	Smith & Lamar, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.
Helps for Each (10c each)	
II. Young People—	
Leaflets, report blanks, year book, pledge cards, Standard of Excellence, organization blanks	Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, Natchitoches, La.
Pins (25c), pennant (25c), year books (25c per dozen)	Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.
Young Christian Worker (25c).....	"Young Christian Worker," 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.
Mission Study Books—	
"Men of the Old Testament," by Willman; (price, cloth, 60c)	Smith & Lamar, Dallas, Texas, or
"Life and Works of Jesus according to St. Mark," by Murray; (price, paper, 10c)	Smith & Lamar, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.
"The Man of Galilee," by Slack; (price, paper, 35c)	
"The Women of Ancient Israel," by Adams; (price, paper, 25c)	

WHAT YOU NEED	WHERE TO GET IT
III. Adult—	
Bulletin, Helps (each Adult Auxiliary is entitled to two copies and each Young People's and Children's Auxiliary to one copy of Helps), Reports of Mission and Bible study classes	Mrs. Geo. Sexton, 903 Wilkerson St., Shreveport, La.
Auxiliary News of Woman's Page of New Orleans Advocate	Mrs. R. F. Harrell, Waterproof, La.
Monthly Leaflet, Standard of Excellence, Minutes	Your District Secretary.
Social Service Leaflets	Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette, La.
Mission Study Books—	
"An African Trail," by Jean Kenyon MacKenzie; (price, paper, 37c)	Smith & Lamar, Dallas, Texas, or
"Sons of Italy," by Antonio Mangano; (price, paper, 40c)	Smith & Lamar, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.
Helps for Each (10c)	
New Record and Report Books—	
for Corresponding Secretary (25c)	
for Treasurer (25c)	
Council Minutes (15c).....	
Helps for Missionary Societies (50c per dozen)	Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.
Year Books, Adult (35c per dozen)	
Year Books, Y. P. and Junior (25c per dozen)	
Pledge cards, leaflets, etc., listed in Catalogue of W. M. C.....	
Missionary Voice (50c).....	"Missionary Voice," 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.
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St. Mark's Hall, 908 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, La.
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By Whom?—

New Orleans and Shreveport Districts—St. Mark's Hall.
Baton Rouge and Lafayette Districts—Mary Werlein Mission.
Alexandria, Ruston and Monroe Districts—French Mission and Scarritt Training School.

OUR GOAL FOR 1918

10 per cent Increase

—IN—

ORGANIZATIONS
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—BY—

Praying Definitely Daily
Perfecting the Societies
Pushing the Organization of New Societies
Presenting the Missionary Society to Every Woman and Child
Paying Pledges in Full

Will YOU Help?

$6,000

Our Conference Pledge for 1918

Alexandria District	$ 600
Baton Rouge District	255
Lafayette District	700
Monroe District	500
New Orleans District	730
Ruston District	700
Shreveport District	2,255
Individual Pledges	260

Districts Paying Pledge in Full.

	Pledged	Amount Paid
Alexandria District	$ 550.00	$ 602.28
Lafayette District	700.00	750.70
Monroe District	500.00	503.90
New Orleans District	700.00	720.52
Ruston District	650.00	660.00
Shreveport District	2000.00	2109.35

Rules of Order.

1. Each meeting shall open and close with a devotional service.
2. All resolutions shall be presented in writing.
3. Members shall rise when they address the Chair.
4. Members speaking to a question shall be limited to five minutes.
5. Persons or visitors desiring an opportunity to address the Conference shall be limited to fifteen minutes.

FOREWORD.

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference was held in First Church, Shreveport, February 25-28.

Hearty greetings were extended the Conference by Rev. A. G. Shankle and Rev. W. W. Drake in behalf of the churches of the city, and a most cordial welcome in behalf of the local auxiliaries by Mrs. Bashie English.

Rev. C. D. Atkinson, presiding elder of the Shreveport District, led the opening devotional service of the Conference and was in attendance at its business sessions, manifesting deep interest and a spirit of helpfulness.

Miss Grace Gatewood, Deaconess, First Church, by her many courtesies made every one feel glad to be guests of the church of which she is the beloved Deaconess.

Although conditions resulting from the war the past year seemed unfavorable, the report of our treasurer shows that we have gone "over the top" in finances, and that we have met the Council goal of a 10 per cent increase. All branches of the work have gone forward to an extent that is a credit to our women and proves that they are willing to sacrifice in order to win.

We had as our Council guest, Mrs. H. R. Steele, whose presence was an inspiration throughout the sessions of the Conference. Her addresses, her prayers, and many helpful suggestions in the various lines of work drew our women into closer relationship with each other and into closer touch with the Master.

Other visitors contributing largely to the interest and success of the Conference were Miss Bess Combs, Student Secretary, Woman's Missionary Council; Miss Helen Gibson, Head Resident, St. Mark's Hall; Mrs. Laura White, French Mission, Houma; Mrs. R. F. Harrell, Editor Woman's Page, New Orleans Christian Advocate.

The splendid hospitality of the people of Shreveport was enjoyed by a large number of delegates and visitors, who will always hold in delightful memory the days of the Eighth Annual Conference.

DELEGATES AND VISITORS ENROLLED AT ANNUAL MEETING, 1918.

Guests of Honor.

Mrs. H. R. Steele, Educational Secretary,
Woman's Council, Nashville, Tenn.
Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Honorary Life President,
Lafayette, La.
Miss Bess Combs, Student Secretary,
Woman's Missionary Council, Nashville, Tenn.
Deaconess Helen Gibson, Head Resident,
St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, La.
Mrs. Laura White.....French Mission, Houma
Deaconess Grace Gatewood.....First Church, Shreveport
Mrs. R. F. Harrell, Editor Woman's Page,
New Orleans Advocate, Waterproof, La.

Conference Officers.

Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans.....President
Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, Natchitoches,
First Vice President
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Mrs. Wiltz Ledbetter, Shreveport....Supt Study-Publicity
Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette.....Supt. Social Service
Mrs. H. L. Baker, Plattenville.....Supt. Supplies

District Secretaries.

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Monroe District—Mrs. J. C. Calhoun.....Rayville
New Orleans District—Mrs. I. N. Niebergall...New Orleans
Ruston District—Mrs. Joe R. Miller.....Minden

Visiting Pastors—Rev. C. D. Atkinson, Rev. R. W. Vaughan, Rev. S. J. Davies, Rev. A. G. Shankle, Rev. Geo. Sexton, Rev. J. F. Foster, Rev. Robt. Wynn, Rev. A. W. Tur-

ner, Rev. Duncan Lipscomb, Rev. T. J. Holladay, Rev. Wm. Schuhle, Rev. E. B. Daniel, Rev. J. G. Sloane, Rev. F. R. Power, Rev. W. W. Drake, Rev. C. V. Breithaupt, Rev. H. W. Ledbetter.

Alexandria District—Alexandria: Mrs. W. D. Haas, Miss Nell Richardson; Campti: Mrs. R. W. McCrocklin; Jena: Mrs. W. M. Baker, Miss Bessie Adams, Miss Beatrice Coon, Mrs. J. E. Adams, Mrs. S. R. Neil; Natchitoches: Mrs. Percy Smith, Miss Jennie Pierson; Oakdale: Mrs. H. A. Sheppard.

Baton Rouge District—Amite: Mrs. C. S. Stewart; Baton Rouge: Mrs. W. H. Newsome.

Lafayette District—Crowley: Mrs. Alex Hill, Mrs. M. L. Hoffpauir, Mrs. P. L. Lawrence; Rayne: Mrs. C. E. Fike; Sulphur: Mrs. Ed. Brewer, Mrs. S. W. Maxwell, Mrs. John Simmons.

Monroe District—Buckner: Mrs. F. B. Hatch; Monroe: Mrs. E. K. Means; Rayville: Miss La Valle Calhoun; Lake Providence: Mrs. A. S. Hill.

Ruston District—Arcadia: Mrs. D. M. Atkins; Haynesville: Mrs. J. G. Sloan; Homer: Mrs. W. A. McKenzie, Mrs. F. R. Fortson, Mrs. J. L. Ferguson; Haughton: Mrs. Gillam Smith, Mrs. J. W. Prince, Mrs. Laye McDade, Miss Ida Nelson, Mrs. Harris; Minden: Mrs. G. T. Hale, Miss Flora Glenn Watkins, Mrs. D. W. Stewart; Plain Dealing: Mrs. T. J. Holladay; Ruston: Miss Una Darden, Mrs. B. F. Smith, Mrs. S. L. White, Mrs. Emma Theus White.

Shreveport District—Belcher: Mrs. W. White. Bossier City: Mrs. J. M. Boykin. Coushatta: Mrs. Henry Marston, Mrs. S. D. McGoldrick. Dixie: Mrs. J. S. Douglas. Greenwood: Mrs. T. J. White, Mrs. T. D. Lipscomb. Grand Cane: Mary Alice Sledge, Mrs. John Jackson, Mrs. W. S. Phillips, Mrs. J. S. Gate, Mrs. Hilliard Hoell, Mrs. H. P. Dowling, Mrs. L. H. Richardson, Miss Ivey Belle Phillips, Miss Inez Hoell. Keithville: Mrs. J. D. Woolworth. Longstreet: Mrs. D. P. Pallen, Mrs. S. J. Graves, Mrs. Wm. Schuhle. Logansport: Mrs. E. Price. Mansfield: Mrs. R. E. Bobbitt, Miss Willie Ricks, Mrs. C. K. Sheppard, Mrs. H. H. Samuels, Mrs.

R. E. Hubbard, Mrs. S. A. Steel, Mrs. J. Alfred Williams, Mrs. W. H. Farmer. Mitchell: Mrs. Leila Patterson. Naeme: Mrs. W. S. Sharpe. Pleasant Hill: Mrs. R. L. Armstrong. Pelican: Mrs. J. O. Robertson. Queensboro: Mrs. M. C. Brown, Mrs. G. D. Rushing, Mrs. C. T. Hutchins. Shreveport, First Church: Mrs. Bashie English, Mrs. B. F. Key. First Church (Gleaners): Mrs. J. R. Russell, Mrs. Dan Herdon. Noel Memorial: Mrs. R. H. Wynn, Mrs. J. G. Sawyer. Vivian: Mrs. H. B. Wren, Mrs. W. A. Long. Waterproof: Mrs. R. F. Harrell.

Visitors—Mrs. W. Y. Rockwell, Dallas, Texas.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.

An Executive Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Missionary Society was held in First Church, Shreveport, Monday morning, February 25, 1918. Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, the president, in the chair. Mrs. Niebergall led a series of earnest sentence prayers, after which business was taken up.

Roll call showed seven conference officers and four district secretaries present.

Owing to the absence of the Conference Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Holt, the President appointed Mrs. W. T. Cunningham to sign bills to be paid by the Conference.

A motion prevailed that Conference minutes be furnished free to auxiliaries and that one thousand copies of same be printed.

It was voted that fifteen pads of Conference stationery be ordered for the coming year.

It was agreed that the Information Page in Conference Minutes be continued.

It was voted that five hundred cards with necessary information be printed for the Superintendent of Supplies to assist her in getting reports from auxiliaries. It was voted

that in the matter of supplies that our goal be ten boxes from ten auxiliaries.

A motion prevailed that in printing the reports of the district secretaries, that the financial reports be eliminated as same is given in the report of the treasurer.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held Tuesday a. m. to complete the formation of committees.

It was agreed that committees on Extension of Work, Finance, and Standing Rules unite to form one committee.

A motion prevailed that the district meetings be held at the same time and place as the district conference meetings whenever this is possible.

Letter from Mrs. J. E. Walter, Secretary of Baton Rouge District, was read in which she stated her inability to serve any longer.

An executive meeting was held at 9 a. m. Thursday. After devotional service, the question arose as to the expediency of putting a conference organizer in the field. A motion prevailed that a State organizer be employed for three months, and if a success, the work be continued.

It was decided that literature such as leaflets and bulletins be sent to district secretaries for distribution.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

Opening Session, Monday Evening.

7:30 p. m., Devotional Service,
C. D. Atkinson, Presiding Elder, Shreveport District
Greeting.....Rev. A. G. Shankle, Pastor First Church
Greeting.....Rev. W. W. Drake, Pastor Noel Memorial
Greeting in behalf of local Auxiliaries,
Mrs. Bashie English, Shreveport
Special Music by Choir.
President's Address.....Mrs. C. F. Niebergall
(See President's Message)
"Over the Top in Finance"....Mrs. J. J. Holmes, Treasurer
Announcements.
Benediction.
9 o'clock, Social Half Hour.

TUESDAY MORNING.

The first business meeting of the Eighth Annual Session of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Missionary Society convened in First Methodist Church at Shreveport, at 9:30 a. m., with Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, President, in the chair.

Devotional service was led by Miss Grace Gatewood, Deaconess. After hymn "Jesus, I my Cross Have Taken," Miss Gatewood read from Ruth I, 16-17-18, and in her talk which followed brought out beautifully the lesson taught by Ruth whom she described as a woman of decision.

Mrs. Bart Jones rendered a clear and soulful message in the song, "Sweeter as the Days Go By."

Minutes of two executive meetings were read and approved.

The Secretary read a message from Mrs. Holt, of Crowley, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference, whose ab-

sence, occasioned by the illness of her husband, was very much regretted, she being annually one of the prominent members of the Conference. It was voted that the Secretary send Mrs. Holt a message of love and appreciation of her work.

The President requested Miss Gatewood to serve as Chairman of Committee on Courtesies.

Roll call of officers showed 7 present; district secretaries, 4 present. The bar was fixed, and the delegates were seated.

Report of First Vice President, Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, was read and accepted, the Conference giving a standing vote of appreciation of same.

Mrs. Cunningham presented ribbon badges to the following young people's auxiliaries on Honor Roll, 1917:

First Church, Shreveport; Natchitoches, Mansfield and Rayne.

Mrs. R. H. Harper, Second Vice President, was detained at home by illness. Appropriate greetings were voted to be sent her.

Mrs. J. J. Holmes, State Treasurer, gave an excellent report, which was accepted with a vote of thanks.

Miss Nell Richardson, of Alexandria, read the very fine report sent in by Mrs. A. P. Holt, Conference Corresponding Secretary, who reported net gains in all departments under her jurisdiction. This report was adopted with vote of thanks. It was voted that the portion of Mrs. Holt's report relating to foreign missions be printed in leaflet form for distribution. Mrs. Laura White was requested to co-operate with the Recording Secretary in having leaflets printed.

The Committees were posted on black board as follows:

Committee on Extension of Work (Standing).

Rules and Finance—Mrs. J. J. Holmes, Chairman; Mrs. R. W. Winstead, Mrs. W. D. Haas, Mrs. Percy Smith, Mrs. J. E. Adams, Mrs. G. T. Hale, Mrs. G. R. Wafer, Mrs. J. G. Sloane, Mrs. F. B. Hatch, Mrs. J. Simmons, Mrs. W. A. Mc-

Kenzie, Mrs. S. L. White, Mrs. C. S. Stewart, Mrs. C. E. Fike, Mrs. J. C. Calhoun, Mrs. Joe R. Miller, Mrs. I. N. Niebergall, Mrs. Ed. Brewer.

Committee on Young People's Work—Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, Chairman; Mrs. T. D. Lipscomb, Miss Nell Richardson, Mrs. Joe R. Miller, Miss Jennie Pearson, Miss Watkins, Miss Una Darden, Mrs. Olivia Browning, Mrs. Alex Hill, Miss Lela Patterson, Miss Lillie Ricks, Mrs. H. E. Sheppard, Mrs. E. Price.

Committee on Study and Publicity—Mrs. R. F. Harrell, Chraiman; Mrs. F. B. Hatch, Mrs. Robert Wynn, Mrs. C. E. Fike, Mrs. Wiltz Ledbetter, Miss La Valle Calhoun, Mrs. A. S. Hill, Mrs. S. W. Maxwell, Mrs. L. R. Neil, Mrs. D. W. Stewart, Mrs. L. M. White, Mrs. H. W. Hoell, Miss Nell Richardson.

Committee on Children's Work—Mrs. B. F. Key, Chairman; Mrs. J. M. Henry, Mrs. W. M. Baker, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Elmer Drew.

Committee on Sales of Literature—Mrs. Wiltz Ledbetter, Chairman; Mrs. Bashie English, Mrs. S. W. Bigger, Mrs. C. P. Monday.

Harvest Day Committee—Mrs. W. D. Haas, Mrs. A. C. Simmons, Mrs. John Evans, Miss Nell Richardson.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. W. D. Haas, Mrs. R. E. Bobbitt, Mrs. Percy Laurence.

Committee on Social Service—Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Chairman; Mrs. H. T. Dowling, Mrs. M. L. Hoffpauir, Mrs. L. M. White, Miss Gatewood; Mrs. S. W. Maxwell, Mrs. W. D. Hass.

Committee on Supplies—Mrs. H. L. Baker, Chairman; Mrs. L. M. White, Miss Nell Richardson, Miss Helen Gibson, Mrs. G. T. Hale, Mrs. W. A. Long, Mrs. Ed. Brewer, Mrs. E. Price, Mrs. F. B. Hatch, Mrs. C. K. Sheppard, Mrs. John Jackson.

A loving cup was presented by Mrs. A. W. Baird to the Young People's Auxiliary on Honor Roll, obtaining the greatest number of points.

A beautiful tribute was paid Mrs. Claiborne Foster, when presented to the Conference as one of the pioneer mission workers.

Dr. Atkinson concluded the session with prayer and benediction.

The ladies of the First Church were hostesses at luncheon served at 12:30 p. m.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference convened at 2:30 o'clock with a devotional service conducted by Mrs. H. R. Steele, of Nashville, Council guest, who was presented to the Conference.

Hymn "O, Master Let Me Walk with Thee" was sung and a solo by Mrs. Welch.

Mrs. Steele took for her lesson Eph. III. 14, stressing in her talk the world's need of Christ.

Reports of officers were continued. Mrs. Wiltz Ledbetter, Superintendent of Mission Study and Publicity, read her report which was accepted. Mrs. Steele spent a few minutes bringing out salient features of the work, emphasizing the importance of reporting to the Conference and Council officers and the study of social service topics,

Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Superintendent of Social Service, read her report, which was adopted with a vote of thanks and appreciation.

Miss Bess Combs, Student Secretary Woman's Missionary Council, was introduced.

Report of Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. H. L. Baker, was read and accepted. Mrs. Baker made her report very interesting by the use of a chart.

After singing the Conference hymn "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life," Mrs. Steele addressed the Conference on the subject, "Our Educational Department." Mrs. Steele urged the intelligent use of leaflets, which are given much personal care and thought.

Mrs. Laura White, of the French Mission at Houma, was introduced.

The following program was rendered by the Juniors of First Church, under Mrs. B. F. Key's direction:

Song by Juniors.
Prayer by Miss Gatewood.
Announcement of Specials by Auxiliary Second Vice President.
Scripture, by Carrie Mai Stephenson.
Korean Baby—Mertis Foster.
Korean Orphan Boy—Thomas Dickson.
Korean Slave Girl—Mary Francis Young.
Korean Street Girl—Juanita Holtsclaw.
Solo by Mabel Lee Welsh.
Children from the Mines—Glenn Hutchins, J. W. Peyton, Jr., Ettie Roemer.
Recitation, "Crowded Out," by Lynn Jones.
Helpful talks to the children were made by Mrs. Steele, Mrs. White, and Miss Combs.
Adjournment.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Devotional—Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, Natchitoches.
Special Music by Choir.
Pageant—"Call to Christian America."
Singing—"Beautiful Japan," Young People's Choir.
Address—Miss Bess Combs, Student Secretary Woman's Missionary Council.
Benediction.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Wednesday morning session was opened with the singing of hymn 653, "The Morning Light is Breaking."

The Devotional Service was led by Miss Helen Gibson, of St. Mark's Hall, who gave a beautiful lesson on the prophetess "Deborah" whom she described as having three invincibles: the inspiration of vision, the dynamic of power,

and the venture of faith. Miss Gibson's report of her work at St. Mark's Hall was a most interesting feature of the morning's program.

Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

Reports of District Secretaries from the following districts were read and accepted: Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Monroe, New Orleans, Ruston, and Shreveport.

These reports elicited many helpful comments and suggestions from Mrs. Steele, one of which was the statement that weakness in the prayer life is one of the failures of American people.

The President announced that the loving cup for the Juniors would be given by Mrs. Della C. Gehagan, in memory of her little daughter, Willie Louise.

The following ministers were introduced to the Conference: Reverends J. F. Foster, T. J. Holladay, E. B. Daniel, F. R. Power. Reverends Wm. Schuhle and Robert Wynn were also in attendance at the morning session.

Mrs. Welsh rendered a beautiful solo.

A prayer and consecration service was led by Mrs. Steele.

Meeting adjourned for luncheon, at which the ladies of Noel Memorial Church were hostesses.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Laura White, of the Houma Mission; her subject being, "The Ministry of the Little Maid," the little Israelitish captive of II Kings, 5th Chapter.

Two enjoyable musical numbers were given, a violin solo by Miss Frye, and a vocal solo by Miss Sebastian.

The Secretary read words of greeting from Miss Clara Chalmers, of Athens College, Ala., and Mrs. Fullilove, for thirteen years President of Foreign Missionary Society.

Mrs. Steele conducted the "Pledge Hour," making an earnest plea for larger gifts for the work—gifts that will more adequately represent our obligation to serve.

Pledges for 1918 were taken, the auxiliaries represented pledging a total of $6000.

Mrs. Sexton presented Shreveport's Chinese baby, who is a member of the First Church Cradle Roll.

"How to Develop the Young People's Work," was discussed by Mrs. Joe R. Miller, Mrs. Sheppard, and Miss Bess Combs.

Autos were in waiting to take the delegates for a drive over the city after the meeting adjourned.

Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

7:30 p. m., Devotional, "The Joy of Prayer Life"—Mrs. R. H. Wynn.

Special Music—by Choir.

Address, "Missions"—by Mrs. H. R. Steele.

Benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The session was opened with devotional by Mrs. Winstead, of Natchitoches, whose subject was "Mary, Who Gave the Best to Her Master."

"Savior, Thy Dying Love" was sung and prayer led by Rev. Breithaupt.

Minutes of two previous sessions were read and approved.

The Secretary read telegram of greeting from the City Mission Board, New Orleans.

Report of Committee on Extension of Work, Finance and Standing Rules was read by Mrs. Winstead and accepted.

Mrs. Baird explained the use of the budget finance system as used by the Shreveport auxiliary, First Church.

Mrs. J. D. Wilkinson was introduced and made an earnest talk on the Y. W. C. A. work at Camp Beauregard.

Mrs. Laura White gave an interesting report of the work of the French Mission.

Mrs. R. F. Harrell, Editor of the Woman's Page, New

Orleans Christian Advocate, was introduced. Mrs. Harrell requested that Missionary news items be sent to her at Waterproof, La.

Rev. Breithaupt spoke for a few minutes on his work as Conference Sunday School Secretary.

Miss Renfroe, of Shreveport, Social Service Worker, talked very interestingly of her work in the city.

Mrs. Steele led a most impressive Consecration Service, and Rev. Atkinson concluded the session with prayer.

Luncheon was announced to be served by the ladies of the Texas Avenue, Cedar Grove and Queensboro churches.

Mr. W. U. Richardson, of Arcadia, legislator for Bienville, was a guest at luncheon, and being introduced by Rev. S. J. Davies, made a short address to the women respecting the forthcoming legislation on prohibition, urging their earnest co-operation in the fight.

Mrs. Willa Norwood preceded Mr. Richardson in putting the subject before the assembly.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The afternoon session was opened by singing Hymn No. 43, "Still, Still with Thee."

Mrs. Geo. Sexton led the service which was in memory of those members who have passed on before.

Loving tribute was paid to the memory of Mrs. D. M. Hays, Mrs. M. E. Girard, Mrs. J. G. Rowland, Mrs. Mollie Baird, Mrs. C. T. Butler, Mrs. R. E. Lee, Mrs. B. T. Mosely, D. A. Harper, Mrs. I. N. Robinson, Mrs. J. H. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. J. M. Nabor, Sr.

The following reports of Committees were read and accepted:

Committee on Young People's Work.
Committee on Social Service.
Committee on Supplies.
Committee on Mission Study and Publicity.
Committee on Sale of Literature.
Committee on Resolutions.

The election of officers took place and the following was the result of the election by ballot:

President .....Mrs. C. F. Niebergall
First Vice President .....Mrs. W. T. Cunningham
Second Vice President.....Mrs. R. H. Harper
Corresponding Secretary .....Mrs. A. P. Holt
Recording Secretary .....Mrs. R. E. Bobbitt
Treasurer .....Mrs. J. J. Holmes

Superintendents—

Study and Publicity.....Mrs. Geo. Sexton
Social Service .....Mrs. E. R. Kennedy
Supplies .....Mrs. H. L. Baker

The following were nominated and elected as District Secretaries:

Alexandria District .....Mrs. R. W. Winstead
Baton Rouge District.....Mrs. C. S. Stewart
Lafayette District .....Mrs. C. E. Fike
Monroe District .....Mrs. J. C. Calhoun
New Orleans District .....Mrs. I. N. Niebergall
Ruston District .....Mrs. Joe R. Miller
Shreveport District .....Mrs. Elma Drew

Mrs. W. T. Cunningham and Mrs. R. W. Winstead were elected as alternates to the coming Council meeting.

Mansfield extended a cordial invitation for the next place of meeting, which was accepted with thanks.

The Secretary was instructed to send words of appreciation and love to two former Presidents, Mrs. S. A. Montgomery and Mrs. Abel Bliss.

It was voted that a memorial be sent to the Council asking it to indorse the Industrial School needed at Houma.

Mrs. Geo. Sexton, having been appointed Session Agent for the Council Daily, received subscriptions for same during the session.

Miss Gibson read report of work of the Mary Werlein Mission and Mrs. John Parker's report of the City Mission Board.

The President closed the meeting with words of love and appreciation to the women, and of exhortation to make the coming year the best in the history of the Conference.

In closing, hymn, "O, Jesus, I Have Promised," was sung, and Rev. Atkinson pronounced the benediction.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Following closely after the last Annual Meeting held at Crowley, that which we had long feared came to pass—our country was drawn into the great war that for several years had devastated Europe and filled the whole world with unbelievable horrors. Immediately following the declaration of war a new era was ushered in; every man, woman and child was brought to a realization that they had a part in the winning of the war, and almost without exception they entered some active form of service for our country. We are particularly gratified at the way in which the women rallied to the call and devoted themselves to the opportunities for service which the new order of things presented. These duties, however, made large demands on time, strength and money; demands that seemed to multiply as the days went by, leaving one breathless in the attempt to keep pace. Seeing this, while acknowledging the justice of every call made, we confess that a question, almost a fear came into our hearts as to whether under these circumstances the women would fulfill pledges made to the Church in times of peace and prosperity—could and would the Methodist women of Louisiana meet the new demands and not neglect the old? Would these times of stress and danger cause them to overlook the fact that souls must still be saved as well as bodies; that the neglect of church organizations at this time would unfit the Church for meeting the demands that will be made on the Church at the end of the war?

Therefore, it was not alone because progress in any work is right and necessary, but because of the fear that we might fail the Master in this crisis, we awaited the end of the present year with peculiar interest. While far from claiming that we have accomplished all that which it was in our power to do, I am glad to say we have kept the faith.

Our Treasurer is to tell you shortly of "Going over the top" financially, and of having more than met the Council goal of a 10 per cent increase. I would, therefore, say but

this word: the payment of these pledges has this year entailed genuine sacrifice on the part of many women in the Missionary Society. The high cost of living and a desire to do their share in war work have conspired to make this a hard year financially for most of us. Remembering all this, the fact that we more than reached the goal set, is surely a matter for congratulation.

Other lines of the work also show a gain, although the progress is not so great as along financial lines. But, taking into consideration the unprecedented conditions that have arisen, and the necessity for re-adjustment along lines of Church as well as secular work, the progress is all that could be expected, and indicates that our women have been active in forwarding the work of the Missionary Society. The campaign for new auxiliaries has not been pushed during the year, it being a question whether this was prudent in view of the many demands that had developed. Since the war, however, may continue for some time to come, and we are now established on a working basis in the war work, it is our belief that we should at this time lay some definite plans for the continuance of this work during the year.

The work with the Young People is also going forward, and I believe the Young People themselves are taking a deeper interest in the work. I would bespeak for our First Vice President, however, the close co-operation of the Auxiliary First Vice President.

There has been a loss, we regret to say, in the Junior membership, but I hasten to add that this, in a large measure, is due to the dissolving at the last Council meeting the correlation that has existed heretofore between the Junior Epworth League and the Junior Missionary Society.

We are glad to note that the year's report shows an increased number of Auxiliaries observing the week of prayer last year. At our last Annual Meeting we paid our financial pledge in full for the first time; we have also reached the financial goal this year. Next year let us pay our pledge in full, and every Auxiliary in the State observe the week of prayer! To this end we urge every woman present to lay

this matter on her heart, resolving now that the Week of Prayer shall be kept in her Auxiliary this year.

Mention has been made of those who made secrifices that they might meet their financial pledge; we would also make particular mention of those women in the Missionary Societies who have so faithfully carried their share of the year's work, while their hearts yearned for a glimpse of the boy in Camp or a bit of news from the boy who was "somewhere in France."

In the matter of supplies sent to the various branches of the work maintained within our State, the Conference has exceeded any previous record; 48 boxes have been sent and in the course of this meeting you will hear from our Deaconesses the cheer and comfort same have brought.

While fully realizing that we have not met the full measure of our opportunities, yet remembering the trying and unprecedented conditions under which the work has been carried on, there is justification for hearty praise and commendation on the progress shown in the year just past. We would also not fail to comment on the loyalty of the District Secretaries who have made possible the progress of the year.

Briefly, I would mention one of the difficulties that we have met in the work through the year; the feeling on the part of a few that the women of the Church should set aside all church duties, devoting every effort into war channels in an effort to bring the war to a speedy close. This was also at first the feeling of some of those other nations that have been longer in the war than America; and during the first year they even abolished the keeping of the Sabbath, neglected almost every phase of ordinary work to push the war; but the fallacy of such a procedure was quickly demonstrated, and England has gone on record against work on the Sabbath day, and is this year giving as much to Missions as in any previous year, while Canada is increasing her Missionary offering this year. Let us profit by their experience.

The work of the Church must go on, for in any line of work there can be no standing still; same will either go forward or backward, and this is emphatically no time for the

Church to go backward if she would be of use to the world when the war shall end. Also the Nation has made marvelous strides in the past ten months and the Church must keep step or lose her power. Hitherto we have been a care-free, prosperous and extravagant Nation, but the war has shaken us wide awake, and the result of this awakening has been shown in the changes that have taken place since the war began. America is now the financial and commercial power of the world; hereafter the stamp, "Made in America," will have more significance both at home and abroad. Morally, we have moved so fast that we almost fail to grasp the importance of the stand many of our States have taken on the liquor traffic, and the ultimatum of the Nation on other questions of vice, and, while ideals have not been reached, we are fast moving to better things, while physically our Training Camps are turning out real American men, God bless them. Under these conditions the Church dare not stand still, but must also make great strides, if we would successfully cope with conditions that shall exist when the war shall end.

Neither would I have you understand that the work of the Church permits us to disregard the duties the war has imposed; it simply means that we of the Church must do double duty—we can and must serve both Church and Country faithfully. But it is scarcely patriotism to appropriate the time and money that has heretofore been used to meet Church needs and transfer same to the other needs that war has created; true patriotism means sacrifice—sacrifice that shall enable us to meet the new duties and demands made by the war, and at the same time still "keep the home fires burning brightly."

In order to do this we must make greater use of the power He has placed in the hands of us all—the power of prayer. Prayer was the only weapon of Jesus Christ; the weapon with which he met the multitudes that pressed; the weapon with which he met all his enemies, and prayer is the weapon in the hands of the American women to-day. Let us make use of same this year as never before.

MRS. C. F. NIEBERGALL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Number of Adult Auxiliaries (net gain, 5)	106
Number of members, Adult Auxiliaries (net gain, 47)	2338
Number of Young People's Auxiliaries (net gain, 5)	28
Number of members of Young People's Auxiliaries (net gain, 29)	462
Number of Junior Divisions	45
Number of members of Junior Divisions	720
Number of Baby Divisions (net gain, 3)	29
Number of members of Baby Divisions (net gain, 37)	245
Number of life members added	1
Number of subscribers to Voice	780
Number of subscribers to Young Christian Worker	502
Number of Auxiliaries presenting stewardship	49
Number of Auxiliaries using leaflets	66
Number of Auxiliaries using bulletins	67
Number of Auxiliaries reporting mission study classes	56
Number of members in mission study classes	1037
Number of Auxiliaries reporting local committees	47
Number of Auxiliaries reporting Social Service	49
Number of Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer (53 Adults, 5 Young People's and 17 Juniors)	75
Total offering for Week of Prayer	$487.72
Number of Auxiliaries reporting boxes sent	32
Number of Auxiliaries reporting Roll of Honor (4 Adult, 4 Young People's and 7 Junior Divisions)	15
Number of Missionaries supported	2
Number of Deaconesses supported	1
Number of Day Schools supported (China)	2
Number of Bible Women supported (China, 4; Korea, 2)	6
Number of Scholarships supported (China, 2; Korea, 3; Brazil, 3; Mexico, 1)	9
Number $25.00 shares on Station Plan (Korea)	3
Number Scholarships Scarritt Bible and Training School	1
Number College Scholarships for advance work	1
Total amount pledged by Conference (Adult, $4,750; Y. P., $200; Juniors, $500)	$5,450.00
Total amount paid on pledge 5 (Adult, $5,098.50; Y. P., $200.02; Juniors, $274.84)	$5,571.44
Total sent Conference Treasurer (all purposes)	$13,831.63

The Council Slogan for 1917: "A 10 per cent increase—in auxiliaries, funds, membership"—was less than the goal we set as a conference. We made the desired increase only in funds. Is it that it is easier to pay than to pray? Had we been diligent about our Father's business, surely we had made a larger gain in auxiliaries and membership. Through all time indifference to the great world needs has been a sad sight. To-day, when the world seems on fire is no time for hedging about with any excuses. Britain made no call to Canada for money or for men. The war begun, Canada saw the need for both money and men and has been pouring out her best and all for Freedom's sake and for love of mother country. Shall we do less for Christ? We must throw ourselves, with all our resources, into whatever breach there is made by constant and ever increasing calls—make the weak places strong—see to it that new organizations are effected and members won to the work. If the spring does not give forth a stream of running water there will be, as a result, a stagnant pond. All vital religion, to have power, must be a "going religion"—to Judea and the uttermost parts.

The Executive Committee, in whose hands were placed the finding of a Conference Organizer, were fortunate in arranging with Mrs. T. H. Morris for a term of weeks in the summer and fall. The work done was most worth while, although she was unable to continue long in service because of Brother Morris' illness and later his death. Her heart was too burdened to undertake work sooner, but now she writes if the Conference needs her services, she will be glad to come to us again. I have asked her to make a report to you of the work done. The 1917 work was financed by individual offerings.

Because of the many changes which will come to our work in the coming Council meeting and General Conference, and the need of getting these to the auxiliaries as forcefully and as early in the year as possible, we recommend that the District meetings be held in the spring. Also that the women and the brethren may better understand the work that is

theirs in common—that the District meeting be held at the time of the District Conference.

We are beginning to hear of plans for the Missionary Centennial Celebration, of our two great branches of Methodism. This is too great an epoch in the history of the Church to let it pass unheeded. What a privilege it is to feel that our God has permitted us to share with Him in the redemption of the Nations of the earth.

I trust it may not be said of us another year that only one-half the Adult Auxiliaries, one-sixth the Young People's, and one-third the Juniors observed the sacred "Week of Prayer" season, with hardly an offering with equivalent to ten cents per member.

The inspiration from the Council meeting in New Orleans will long be treasured by those privileged to attend the sessions. Of the Gulf Coast work, in which we are most vitally interested, Mrs. MacDonnell said "St. Mark's Hall is the incarnation of the axiom that the settlement has faith in the man at the bottom." The cost to the Council of maintaining this work and that of Mary Werlein was $3,435.00. Of the French work she says, "A reconstruction is necessary. Our methods must be more aggressive." $600.00 was spent here plus a $320.00 special from Mansfield Auxiliary. Mrs. Laura White is here to tell you of the splendid new plans for industrial school work. Hear her with a prayer in your heart for every girl in that needy section.

The news that our enlarged pledge of $5,450.00 had been overpaid by $100, total $5,571.00, brought joy to all. The 10 per cent increase on the grand total sent the treasurer, thus bringing the amount to nearly $14,000.00, makes us urge again a budget of $15,000.00. We can do it by quarterly payments of all funds, and full observance of Harvest Day. But we must begin now.

With June came a letter from the Council setting forth definite war work for the women. Alexandria and Lake Charles, together with New Orleans, have had a large responsibility in the care of soldiers in great numbers. But what of the boys from the smaller churches? In what meas-

ure have we been faithful to them? How conscientiously have we carried out the valuable suggestions given to us for holding our boys true to the Church? Day by day they are going from us. Is our impression upon them such that they will be made strong in the days of training and in the trenches? God help us that we may lose no opportunity.

There is but one message that we must sound out to our Churches to-day, and that is "Loyalty to Christ." Some of our auxiliaries have gone forward this year—they are those, too, who have done most war work. It isn't that we should do less of one but more of the other, realizing that all these splendid and absolutely necessary works must be done, but, too, that as they are all products of Christianity, emanating from the Christ spirit in men, so must it behoove us to keep these Home Fires Burning Brightly. Surely our vision is not limited to physical needs of men. Surely we can look through the Christ's eyes and see the sin-scarred souls of men everywhere as well as the battle-scarred bodies. "The men who are giving themselves on the battlefield are not serving their nation out of their income. They are pouring out the last and utmost measure. Christ has a right to ask in the service which alone can establish righteousness upon the earth, that his people shall give not a fraction of their income only, not all of their income alone, but that they shall lay down at his feet their very last and all." Mr. Robt. Speer says further on this line that there are two dangers—two tendencies inside the Church to-day: "One is huddling in upon herself or even enlarging her sympathies to further in the needs of the allies, but when it comes to missions, asking whether it hadn't better curtail or abridge somewhat these distant activities, the other tendency is that of postponement," talking of the part the Church will take in reconstruction tasks. These are dangerous policies, and we should be careful of any curtailment of time or money which is needed for the King.

"He hath sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat,
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat."

Christ is needed to-day for the millions in darkness even more than for the Jew. Opposite the two million that died on the battlefield last year, let us place the thirty-three million who died a Christless death in heathen lands in those twelve months. Hear the millions of little children in Asia as they cry themselves to sleep in hunger for bread, night after night. Pestilence there will not postpone itself until after war is over.

May we be found leading the women and children on to higher ground, never sounding a note of retreat, ready to say as the little drummer boy—"Sire, I know not how to beat a retreat?" Then shall we be truly loyal, faithful and obedient in the sifting. Above all the din and noise of battle areas, every listening Christian heart must hear the Master's "Go ye into all the world." When that call is answered, eternal peace is come.

MRS. A. P. HOLT.

Treasurer's Report for the Year Ending December 31, 1917.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT. Auxiliaries—	Dues	Pledge	Specials and other Items	Scarritt Fund	Total Cash	Local Work Reported	Grand Total
Alexandria	$267.50	$194.05	$85.25	$10.40	$557.20	$215.35	$772.55
Alexandria, Y. P.	2.55	6.00			8.55		8.55
Alexandria, Jr.	5.90	2.63			8.53		8.53
Bunkie	63.10	47.75	48.30		159.15	187.34	346.49
Bunkie, Jr.		1.10			1.10		1.10
Campti	20.25	5.00	3.45		28.70	20.00	48.70
Campti, Jr.	1.55				1.55		1.55
Carson	23.65				23.65	57.80	81.45
Colfax	41.20	18.50			59.70		59.70
De Ridder	30.65	29.10			59.75	25.75	85.50
Glenmora	38.40	20.00			58.40	158.15	216.55
Good Pine	21.60	10.00	2.34		33.94	12.25	46.19
Jena	64.45	30.75	2.25	10.25	107.70		107.70
Jena, Y. P.	1.00	5.00			6.00		6.00
Jena, Jr.	.75	2.50	1.00		4.25	2.60	6.85
Lecompte	40.00	67.40	150.00		257.40		257.40
Merryville	58.95	30.30	4.50		93.75	124.25	218.00
Natchitoches	91.75	80.60	9.35	3.25	184.95	185.10	370.05
Natchitoches, Y. P.	10.75	10.00	2.33		23.08	20.05	43.13
Natchitoches, Jr.		10.00	1.75		11.75		11.75
Oakdale	53.00	31.60	3.90		88.50	256.20	344.70
Tioga	9.00				9.00		9.00
District Collection					7.16		7.16
Sale of Minutes					3.00		3.00
Totals for District	$846.00	$602.28	$314.42	$23.90	$1796.76	$1264.84	$3061.60

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT. Auxiliaries—	Dues.....	Pledge.....	Specials and other Items.....	Scarritt Fund.....	Total Cash.....	Local Work Reported	Grand Total.....
Amite	$66.60	$14.50	$ 2.65	$8.00	$ 91.75	$1.20	$ 92.95
Baton Rouge	82.55	86.35	67.75	4.00	240.65	.....	240.65
Baton Rouge, Jr.	.....	3.30	.....	.....	3.30	.....	3.30
Baton Rouge, Jr., Lg.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	3.00	.....	3.00
Clinton	25.00	7.50	.....	4.00	36.50	7.50	44.00
Clinton, Jr.	.25	3.00	.....	.....	3.25	.....	3.25
Ethel	1.00	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	1.00
Franklinton	64.05	30.00	9.71	4.00	107.76	114.88	222.64
Franklinton, Jr.	3.50	8.59	1.50	.....	13.59	.....	13.59
Gayden-Pine Grove	18.75	25.00	75.00	3.00	121.75	.....	121.75
Hammond	25.10	8.00	.....	.....	33.10	66.00	99.10
Jackson	11.00	4.00	.....	.....	15.00	.....	15.00
Jackson, Jr.	2.75	.....	.....	.....	2.75	.....	2.75
Keener Memorial	.....	1.25	.....	.....	1.25	.....	1.25
Kentwood	26.00	12.25	.....	.....	38.25	25.50	63.75
Ponchatoula	17.25	10.00	.....	.....	27.25	165.05	192.30
St. Francisville	14.15	7.95	.....	.....	22.10	15.00	37.10
Wilson	28.50	.....	.....	.....	28.50	.....	28.50
Totals for District.....	$386.45	$224.69	$156.61	$23.00	$790.75	$395.13	$1185.88

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT. Auxiliaries—	Dues	Pledge	Specials and other Items	Scarritt Fund	Total Cash	Local Work Reported	Grand Total
Bethel	$ 9.00				$ 9.00		$ 9.00
Branch	20.45	$30.00	$ 2.00		52.45		52.45
Branch, Jr.	1.50				1.50	$2.10	3.60
Crowley	109.25	152.30	52.65	4.00	318.20		318.20
Crowley, Y. P.	3.75	5.00			8.75		8.75
Crowley, Jr.	3.50	6.66			10.16		10.16
Franklin	37.60	21.40			59.00		59.00
Houma	31.25	15.00	5.25		51.50	115.30	166.80
Lafayette	93.50	110.00	25.00	4.00	232.50	206.70	439.20
Lafayette, Y. P.	6.05	5.00			11.05	25.35	36.40
Lafayette, Jr.	4.00	7.25	2.60		13.85		13.85
Lake Arthur	55.25	45.15	3.25		103.65	92.08	195.73
Lake Arthur, Jr.	2.95	2.00			4.95		4.95
Lake Charles	126.75	66.70	6.65		200.10	125.17	325.27
Lake Charles, Jr.	2.40	2.76			5.16		5.16
Morgan City	49.50	50.00	2.00		101.50		101.50
Morgan City, Jr.	7.10	25.00			32.10	1.00	33.10
New Iberia	27.50	19.00	2.70	2.00	51.20	360.25	411.45
New Iberia, Jr.	1.30	.90			2.20		2.20
Opelousas	40.00	54.51	7.50	7.75	109.76		109.76
Rayne	60.00	100.00	23.50	4.00	187.50	24.05	211.55
Rayne, Y. P.	3.00	3.00			6.00		6.00
Rayne, Jr.	4.40	3.07	.25		7.72		7.72
Sulphur	30.00	26.00	5.00		61.00	53.58	114.58
Sale of Minutes					2.00		2.00
Totals for District	$730.00	$750.70	$138.35	$21.75	$1642.80	$1005.58	$2648.38

MONROE DISTRICT. Auxiliaries—	Dues	Pledge	Specials and other Items	Scarritt Fund	Total Cash	Local Work Reported	Grand Total
Buckner	$24.75	$46.00	$25.60	.....	$96.35	$30.00	$126.35
Buckner, Jr.	2.75	3.20	.....	.....	5.95	.....	5.95
Columbia	23.10	14.40	18.45	$9.37	65.32	407.45	472.77
Gilbert	63.75	10.00	2.75	.....	76.50	.....	76.50
Lake Providence	26.47	.....	.....	.....	26.47	.....	26.47
Lake Providence, Y. P.	61.75	20.00	.....	.....	81.75	.....	81.75
Mer Rouge	45.55	10.00	8.50	.....	64.05	17.61	81.66
Mer Rouge, Y. P.	1.95	.....	.60	.....	2.55	.....	2.55
Monroe	173.00	167.50	.....	.....	340.50	.....	340.50
Monroe, Y. P.	4.50	9.50	1.41	.....	15.41	.....	15.41
Monroe, Jr.	6.50	11.45	.75	.....	18.70	5.00	23.70
Oak Ridge	48.00	36.50	4.25	1.65	90.40	109.45	199.85
Oak Ridge, Jr.	15.50	20.35	2.50	.....	38.35	3.00	41.35
Rayville	75.00	85.00	6.00	4.00	170.00	76.20	246.20
Waterproof	21.00	.....	.....	.....	21.00	.....	21.00
West Monroe	39.75	.....	.....	.....	39.75	139.25	179.00
Winnsboro	101.50	70.00	8.00	.....	179.50	72.80	252.30
Totals for District	$734.82	$503.90	$78.81	$15.02	$1332.55	$860.76	$2193.31

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT. Auxiliaries—	Dues.....	Pledge.....	Specials and other Items.....	Scarritt Fund.....	Total Cash.....	Local Work Reported	Grand Total.....
Algiers	$32.55	$10.00	$5.50	.....	$48.05	$20.05	$68.10
Algiers, Jr.	2.96	.....	.....	.....	2.96	.....	2.96
Bogalusa	7.50	5.00	.....	.....	12.50	23.50	36.00
Bogalusa, Y. P.....	1.25	.....	.....	.....	1.25	3.50	4.75
Bogalusa, Jr.	2.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	2.00
Carrollton Avenue	83.65	50.00	68.00	.....	201.65	118.05	319.70
Donaldsonville	4.00	.....	.....	.....	4.00	1.00	5.00
Epworth	41.25	10.00	.....	.....	51.25	.....	51.25
Epworth, Y. P.....	1.60	.....	.....	.....	1.60	.....	1.60
Epworth, Jr.	4.40	5.00	.....	.....	9.40	.....	9.40
First Church, N. O.....	132.65	80.00	11.06	.....	223.71	21.70	245.41
First Church, Y. P.....	7.05	6.82	.....	.....	13.87	.....	13.87
Felicity Street	57.85	52.65	6.64	$4.00	121.14	98.31	219.45
Felicity, Jr.	1.70	3.00	.....	.....	4.70	.....	4.70
Louisiana Avenue	20.75	27.00	.....	.....	47.75	35.10	82.85
Parker Memorial	51.30	62.00	7.00	.....	120.80	134.10	254.90
Parker Memorial, Y. P.....	2.35	7.00	2.00	.....	11.35	4.50	15.85
Parker Memorial, Jr.....	8.25	29.85	.....	.....	38.10	.....	38.10
Plattenville	23.35	23.09	.....	.....	46.44	.....	46.44
Rayne Memorial	132.15	285.00	112.25	4.00	533.40	569.51	1102.91
Rayne Memorial, Y. P.....	11.45	5.10	40.00	.....	56.55	12.00	68.55
St. Mark's	27.25	35.80	1.60	.....	64.65	.....	64.65
St. Mark's, Jr.....	2.25	2.67	.....	.....	4.92	2.00	6.92
Second Church, N. O.....	53.65	15.30	8.56	.....	77.51	25.00	102.51
Second Church, Y. P.....	3.50	.....	.....	.....	3.50	.....	3.50
Second Church, Jr.....	5.42	3.24	2.05	.....	10.71	.....	10.71
Slidell	18.10	2.00	.....	.....	20.10	128.57	148.67
Slidell, Jr.	3.50	.....	.....	.....	3.50	.....	3.50
Dist. Collection and Minutes.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.65	.....	8.65
Totals for District.....	$744.18	$720.52	$264.66	$8.00	$1746.01	$1196.89	$2942.90

RUSTON DISTRICT. Auxiliaries—	Dues	Pledge	Specials and other Items	Scarritt Fund	Total Cash	Local Work Reported	Grand Total
Arcadia	$47.55	$24 60	$8.00	.....	$80.15	.....	$80.15
Bernice	14.40	6.00	4.00	.....	24.40	$ 8.00	32.40
Cotton Valley	25.25	4.00	.....	.....	29.25	.....	29.25
Doyline	31.50	.....	.....	.....	31.50	27.00	58.50
Dubach	43.95	10.25	4.75	.....	58.95	.....	58.95
Dubach, Jr.	1.65	.....	.80	.....	2.45	.....	2.45
Haughton	49.00	34.38	7.35	.....	90.73	64.05	154.78
Haughton, Jr.	3.34	7.51	.....	.....	10.85	.....	10.85
Haynesville	16.80	13.05	7.65	.....	37.50	47.05	84.55
Homer	102.25	79.60	8.00	.....	189.85	33.50	223.35
Homer, Jr.	14.90	16.04	1.75	.....	32.69	.55	33.24
Minden	122.00	200.20	47.30	$4.00	374.00	35.30	409.30
Minden, Y. P.	7.10	21.60	2.50	.....	31.20	.....	31.20
Minden, Jr.	.....	10.00	1.80	.....	11.80	.....	11.80
Plain Dealing	14.75	.....	.....	.....	14.75	.....	14.75
Ruston	171.25	175.00	13.05	4.00	363.30	14.25	377.55
Ruston Orphanage, Y. P.	13.00	20.00	.....	.....	33.00	1.65	34.65
Ruston, Jr.	2.40	16.77	.....	.....	19.17	3.00	22.17
Simsboro	8.55	6.50	.....	.....	15.05	.....	15.05
Winnfield	41.25	14.50	2.25	.....	58.00	51.15	109.15
Totals for District	$730.89	$660.00	$109.70	$8.00	$1508.59	$285.50	$1794.09

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Auxiliaries—	...les.....	...edge.....	...ecials and other Items.....	...arritt Fund.....	...otal Cash.....	...eral Work Reported	...rand Total.....
Belcher	$ 4.50	.....	.....	.....	$ 4.50	.....	$ 4.50
Coushatta	9.00	.....	$ 3.00	.....	12.00	.....	12.00
First Church, Shreveport	463.50	$1080.00	167.75	4.00	1715.25	$2362.09	4077.34
First Church, No. 2	66.00	25.00	60.00	10.00	161.00	.....	161.00
First Church, Y. P	57.20	50.00	.....	.....	107.20	115.26	222.46
First Church, Jr.	3.00	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	3.00
Flournoy	12.00	.....	.....	.....	12.00	.....	12.00
Flournoy, Jr.	.90	.....	.....	.....	.90	.....	.90
Grand Cane	56.20	50.70	.....	4.00	110.90	362.39	473.29
Grand Cane, Y. P	3.60	6.00	.....	.....	9.60	.....	9.60
Grand Cane, Jr.	5.15	12.00	.....	.....	17.15	.....	17.15
Greenwood	59.65	1.75	41.95	.....	103.35	.....	103.35
Greenwood, Y. P	1.15	.....	.....	.....	1.15	.....	1.15
Greenwood, Jr.	11.65	2.46	40.00	.....	54.11	.....	54.11
Keithville	34.55	33.00	.....	1.00	68.55	1.50	70.05
Leesville	78.85	24.15	9.40	.....	112.40	63.80	176.20
Logansport	51.40	7.25	.....	.....	58.65	.....	58.65
Longstreet	22.60	15.00	2.50	.....	40.10	.....	40.10
Mansfield	231.00	532.50	525.00	10.00	1298.50	170.72	1469.22
Mansfield, Y. P.	35.60	20.00	3.48	.....	59.08	34.50	93.58
Mansfield, Jr.	16.65	38.21	.99	.....	55.85	10.00	65.85
Mooringsport	24.25	.....	.....	.....	24.25	.....	24.25
Naborton	32.75	12.00	.....	.....	44.75	.....	44.75
Noel Memorial	100.75	130.00	11.10	.....	241.85	447.00	688.85
Noel Memorial, Y. P	4.20	.....	.....	.....	4.20	.....	4.20
Noel Memorial, Jr	.25	2.03	.....	.....	2.28	.....	2.28
Many	49.34	20.00	.....	4.00	73.34	27.47	100.81
Many, Jr.	3.50	7.30	.....	.....	10.80	2.50	13.30
Pleasant Hill	3.00	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	3.00
Stonewall	4.25	.....	.....	.....	4.25	.....	4.25
Texas Avenue	26.60	.....	.....	.....	26.60	12.38	38.98
Vivian	13.50	20.00	.....	.....	33.50	134.15	167.65
Zwolle	34.75	20.00	.....	.....	54.75	106.00	160.75
Totals for District	$1521.29	$2109.25	$865.17	$33.00	$4528.81	$3849.76	$8378.57

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS.

Dues, Adult	$4,231.05	
Dues, Young People	195.48	
Dues, Junior Division	144.07	
Dues, Baby Division	16.40	
Dues, Life Membership	25.00	
Pledge, Adult	5,098.58	
Pledge, Young People	200.02	
Pledge, Junior Division	232.04	
Pledge, Baby Division	40.80	
Day Schools	300.00	
Scholarships	360.00	
Bible Women	300.00	
Retirement Fund, Adult	176.30	
Retirement Fund, Young People	8.13	
Week of Prayer Offering, Adult	457.66	
Week of Prayer Offering, Young People	12.32	
Week of Prayer Offering, Junior	17.74	
Scarritt Loan Fund	132.67	
For French Mission at Houma, La	380.00	
Alice Cobb Bible School, Korea	75.00	
Sam Hunter Scholarship	180.00	
Supplement Sam Hunter Scholarship	22.50	
Conference Expense Fund by Auxiliaries	922.20	
Conference Expense Fund Collections	37.22	
Sale of Conference Minutes	7.55	
Organizer Fund, Rev. A. W. Turner	10.00	
Organizer Fund, Mrs. E. A. Nabors	25.00	
Total Receipts from Conference		$13,607.73
Council Treasurer for N. O. Bd. Mis		223.90
Grand Total Receipts		$13,831.63
Balance from 1916		263.31
		$14,094.94

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DISBURSEMENTS.

By Paid—		
Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Treasurer	$12,605.76	
Conference Officers Expense Accounts	228.19	
District Secretaries Expense Accounts	42.07	
New Orleans Advocate, Printing Minutes, etc	175.06	
Printing Letters, Programs, etc	49.07	
R. R. Fare, Guests to Annual and District Meetings	72.51	
Organizer, Mrs. Morris	27.10	
New Orleans City Mission Board	223.90	
		$13,423.66
Balance on hand		671.28
		$14,094.94

MRS. J. J. HOLMES, Treasurer.

Minden, La., February 15, 1918.

LOCAL WORK REPORTED.

Supplies and Expended for Charity	$1,644 37
Amount Expended on Parsonages	2,961.94
Amount Expended on Churches	1,219.86
Amount Expended, Sundry Items	1,328.29
Amount Expended, City Missions	1,321.05
Value of Supplies sent off	382.95
	$8,858.46

REPORT OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT.

Number of Young People's Auxiliaries, 26; increase, 2.

Number members of Young People's Auxiliaries, 461, increase, 28.

Young People's Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer, 5; decrease, 6.

Week of Prayer Offering, $11.77; decrease, $2.23.

Dues Paid by Young People's Missionary Society, 1917, $244.35; increase, $34.28.

Pledge Paid by Young People's Missionary Society, 1917, $200.00; increase, $59.60.

Young People's Missionary Societies at close of year 1917:

1. Alexandria District: Natchitoches, Campti, Alexandria, Jena.

2. Lafayette District: Crowley, Houma, Lafayette, Rayne.

3. Monroe District: Mer Rouge, Monroe, Lake Providence, Waterproof.

4. New Orleans District: Rayne Memorial, Parker Memorial, First Church, Second Church, Bogalusa.

5. Ruston District: Minden, Ruston Orphanage, Homer.

6. Shreveport District: First Church (Shreveport), Noel Memorial, Mansfield, Grand Cane, Greenwood, Vivian.

How fast the days come and go! It does not seem twelve long months since I submitted a report to you in Crowley; 1917 has gone, and only in memory shall we live over again the successes and failures of our work as First Vice President.

Some of our leaders of the Young People's Missionary Society have met failure and defeat, and gave up the work, while others knew not the word discouragement, and have labored faithfully in spite of failures and sorrows.

Just as we nurse with tender care a loved one who is ill, so should we do everything to strengthen the life of a Young People's Missionary Society and not give up and disband when there is a trace of weakness or failing strength.

Right here I want to say that if you are looking for missionary work that is easy, never accept the office of First Vice President, for it demands of us our best service. May I add a word of exhortation to our Adult Societies?

Please let your young people in the Church select their leader or First Vice President, instead of her being elected by the Adult Society. The young people are quick to note the bright, sympathetic Christian woman in your Society, and even if they select your most valuable and capable leader, let their choice be final.

We must awaken quickly to the task of holding our young people. If we do not give them something worth while to occupy their time and thought, the world will offer them glittering attractions and you and I will not be guiltless when we see the result of a wasted young life. We must help them to become a mighty working force for Him and not for the world.

This terrible war has brought about many changes in our Missionary work, and I know that the young people have done their share in Red Cross work and other war relief work; but, dear First Vice Presidents, impress your young people that they must not neglect their Young People's Missionary Society, but keep it strong and active, so that they may be able to do their most efficient war work. After this dreadful strife is over, our Churches and their different organizations will be called upon, as never before, to help suffering humanity.

We have five Auxiliaries on the Honor Roll—First Church (Shreveport), Mansfield, Natchitoches, Ruston Or-

phanage, and Rayne. Last year we had only three, so we are thankful for this increase. It is not a difficult matter to be on the Honor Roll, but so many Societies fall behind for not having a Mission and Bible Study Class, and not sending their reports on time.

As you see from my report, we have had an increase in dues and pledge, but a decrease in almost every other item. However, I am not discouraged, as I know our time and money given in this Young People's Missionary Society will help some girl or boy to a larger knowedge of Him.

Dear First Vice President, do not think that the little you have accomplished has not been worth while. I know the Master's "well done" rests upon the faithful leader, and may a double portion of His love rest upon you, and may yours be the happy experience described in the beautiful verse:

"Perchance in heaven, some day, to me
Some blessed saint will come, and say:
'All hail, beloved! But for thee
My soul to death had fallen a prey.'
And oh, what rapture in the thought,
One soul to glory to have brought!"

In closing, let me give you the words of the Lord to Joshua, when he was called upon to face a new and untried world, and to shoulder heavy and exacting responsibilities: "Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law which Moses my servant commanded thee; turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee, whithersoever thou goest."

MRS. W. T. CUNNINGHAM,
First Vice President.

REPORT OF SECOND VICE PRESIDENT.

A beautiful story is told of a little boy who stood at the close of day and wondered at the glories of God's sunset, then

ran into the house and found his mother, seated at a western window, and he said, "O mother, I want to be a painter!" When his mother showed surprise at this, he almost shouted, as he pointed to the crimson and golden sky, "O, I am going to be a painter, and help God paint his sunsets." This boy had found in the beauties of the sunset an outlet for the joy of love and service within.

Do we not rejoice that, as leaders of the children of the Kingdom, we have part in developing natures that are so ready to see God as he has revealed himself to man? God does not need us to help paint the heavens with sunsets, but there are little lives that need to be touched with the colors of love and sympathy that they may know Jesus as the helper of children—"what matter if the flesh be white or black or brown."

Through our First Department, twenty-nine second vice presidents have reached two hundred and forty-five babies and their mothers, and, by the use of the little red mite box —"For Our Baby"—$40.80 was given toward Holding Institute and Kindergarten work.

We feel that each mother, as she holds her darling under the protecting shadow of His wing, should feel pledged to give something worth while towards making conditions better for the other little children.

We want to set as the goal for this Department this year—one hundred babies added to the roll, and each mother giving for her baby $1 toward Baby Special Work (Kindergartens, Home and Foreign.)

We regret to add that only forty-six new babies have been enrolled this year, making an enrollment fee of $11.50.

Through our Second Department we are able to report five hundred and two subscribers to The Young Christian Worker. The Bible lessons alone in this paper make it worth much to us. This year we have as our Bible study—"Paul the Great Missionary." Let us be diligent in placing this invaluable paper in the homes of our children.

The Third Department shows nineteen mission study classes, with four hundred and ninety-nine members. Second

vice presidents, a number (?) of you missed the opportunity of learning, with your children, to love Ruth and Tom of "The Lighthouse," and to join with them in sending out messages of hope and love. And you missed the spiritual courage that comes from studying "Soldiers of the Prince." If we were careless of these opportunities in the past, let us make amends by helping our children to find out what it was that Mary Jones worked six years to obtain (see "Bearers of the Torch," price 25 cents, Smith & Lamar), and then to know why Mejo and Assam were able to stand before a class of one hundred and twenty-five pupils, and get the response "B-a—Ba" and "B-o—Bo" (see "African Adventurers," price 30 cents.)

Through our Fourth Department we studied how to make "The Country Beautiful." If we learned our lesson well we know that a country should be made beautiful by its comfortable homes, well-kept fences, its smooth lawns and lovely flowers, and its clean streets. But without love radiating from the faces of the people, all else is vain. Surely a splendid sequel to this study is the study for this year—"Sabbath Observance." Let us strive through this Department to make the world a better place in which to live, and to lead our children to know that God is love, and that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

Our work for the past year, as we are able to represent it by figures, may be given as follows:

Baby Division—

Number of Baby Divisions	29
Number of Baby members	245
Number of New members	46
Number of Baby Life members this year	1
Number Promoted to Junior Division	10

Junior Division—

Number of Junior Divisions	45
Number of New Junior Divisions	5
Number of Junior members	729
Number of New members	173
Number of Mission Study Classes	19
Number of Members	499
Number of Subscribers to Y. C. W.	502

Number of Junior Divisions observing Week of Prayer	12
Number on Roll of Honor	7
Conference Pledge for Children's Work	$500.00
Amount Paid on Pledge	432.51
Week of Prayer offering	27.59
Two Scholarships	80.00
Paid to City Missions	5.00
One Baby Life Membership	5.00
Total for all purposes	555.10

Our Baby Life member is Anna Josephine Pearce of Parker Memorial Church, New Orleans. May her life grow more beautiful day by day.

I am sure we all feel helpless when we try to write into figures the untiring efforts of faithful leaders, and the love born in young hearts by the seed sown. One second vice president reports two of her little girls who went into another State, and there in a strange land, like the Israelitish maid, they remembered and were true to the good things they had known. As a result they led in the organization of a children's auxiliary. Another writes, "We have enjoyed the Bible lessons, and my children delight to lead in the prayer service." Many other expressions like this chronicle the victories of the year. Of course others have been discouraged and have given up the work. But these are our failures, and we are not giving a report of failures. Our faces are turned toward the morning of success, and, as we go into a new year, let us remember to go very often to the Friend of little children, and ask his guidance. God's ear is bending very near when we mention his little children, so, in the language of one of these, "You won't have to talk very loud, and you won't have to say very much 'cause God is very near, and very anxious to hear."

MRS. R. H. HARPER.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

It would give me great pleasure to state that the Report I am presenting at the close of the year's work is full and complete. But while such is not the case, there is much encouragement in the fact that quite a number of the Auxiliary

Superintendents of Social Service in our Missionary Society have been faithful in reporting at the end of each quarter. The calls to service in this time of the world's war are so many and varied and appealing to all of us, that we must lift "our corner" by holding fast to the activities called for in the Report Blanks and Quarterly, Studies and Leaflets. It is very helpful to note the increasing and deepening interest of the Church of God in the various phases of community service, in labor legislation, civic betterment, and many other social reforms. The studies for the past year on "Social Legislation" were specially strong and educational—"Laws Regarding Public Health," "Laws regarding Childhood," "Protection for Wage-earners," "Thorough Labor Legislation," "Bulwarking the Family by Legislation." My friends, these studies should bring results. We should "get together" and do "our bit" to make our community clean—clean of the saloon and commercialized vice. The appeal can never be stronger than now because it means the protection of our boys in the camp and on the battle front; **200,000 men laid up in hospitals from Social diseases!** The leaflet entitled "Suggestions to Auxiliary Superintendents of Social Service," written by Miss Howell, our Council Superintendent, should be read carefully and its instructions followed. No Auxiliary Superintendent need be at a loss as to her duties after studying this leaflet.

Just now I want to emphasize an "earnest request." Please elect your Auxiliary Social Service Superintendent for the entire year or as long as she will serve. It takes a year to get well acquainted with the work and for the Conference Superintendent to get acquainted with the worker. The literature for this Department has been mailed promptly to the Auxiliaries each quarter, and all letters in regard to the work answered at once. At the recent District Meeting held in Lake Charles by Mrs. Buchanan, our Secretary, your Superintendent presented the work and offered the following resolution, which was approved by vote of the body:

"Resolved, That the W. M. S. of this District endorse the act which will come before the next session of the Louisiana Legislature providing for the establishment and mainten-

ance of a State School for Defective girls, and that we work for the same."

Recent medical inspection of the schools in several centers, shows the great importance of this measure.

The following is a summary for the year ending December, 1917:

1. Social Service Studies 575
2. Social Service Leaflets 881
3. Report Blanks and Letters 461
4. Suggestions for Auxiliary Superintendents of Social Service 130
5. Number of Auxiliaries in Conference 163
6. Number that have a Social Service Commission.... 40
7. Number receiving literature 100
8. Number presenting Social Service Topics 49
9. Number of Auxiliaries in which action was the result of the presentation of same..... 1
10. Sub-Committee on Legislation. This committee to study local conditions and create sentiment in favor of better laws and their enforcement.
   Number Auxiliaries co-operating with other organizations to secure social uplift and community betterment 10
11. Co-operation with Home Charity Association, Civic League, City Federation of Clubs, Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Travelers' Aid and Health Authorities.
   Number that visit the Sick and Strangers..... 50
12. Community Clubs for Negroes. One in Lafayette, and three others promised.
   For Immigrants? No report.
   Number that assisted in the passage of ordinances or laws 1
13. Medical inspection in the schools, personal service in consecrative or benevolent institutions 2
14. Number that did other Special Social Service work? Four reported that four children were placed in the Orphans' Home, nine in private Christian homes; clothes and railroad fare supplied for five and $97 in cash expended. One colored woman. A cripple, assisted by the Community Club.
15. Number co-operating with First and Second Vice Presidents in training children in Social Service work 2

The splendid work at St. Mark's in New Orleans, re-

corded in the monthly Bulletins, and the ministry of self-denial and sacrifice represented by our workers in the French Mission Field at Houma, La., are examples that the world needs to-day.

The life of Christ is repeated in the lives of His people in these centers.

"The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many."

MRS. E. R. KENNEDY.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STUDY AND PUBLICITY.

As we review the work of this Department for the past twelve months, we are full of thanksgiving that we have been permitted to render another year's service for the Master, and feel deep regret that that service has not been fuller, richer and more complete.

Since our last Annual Meeting, the hearts of many of our women are answering the agonizing cry of the world that is coming to them from so many sources and so we do not attribute our failure to do all we had planned, hoped and worked to do, to indifference on their part. We do earnestly pray that each one will willingly present their reasonable services to the Lord and give a little time to study in preparation of themselves so that they may be efficient soldiers in this conflict of righteousness. One very encouraging feature of the work this year was the number of letters received asking for help and information, and the request for extra literature, showing the desire on the part of the women to do the work in the very best way.

The plan adopted by the Conference of mailing the Bulletins from this office has been pursued and each month they have been sent to the officers, Superintendents of Study and Publicity, and to the First Vice-Presidents of the Young People's Auxiliary. All other literature received has been mailed promptly to the respective officers.

No record has been kept of letters written, but a conscientious effort has been made to answer all received. Many

of our Superintendents still fail to send in Quarterly reports, thereby making the report that goes from this office to headquarters correspondingly smaller.

The Bulletin is more generally read and is appreciated at its worth, and may we not hope for the time when each Auxiliary will lay particular stress upon its presentation each month?

Summary.

Total number of Adult Auxiliaries in the State	106
Membership	2338
Total number reporting for the year	85
Mission Study Classes reported	56
Members enrolled in Mission Study Classes	1037
Number of Adult Auxiliaries reporting organized Bible Study	8
Number of Adult Auxiliaries using Bulletins	60
Number of Adult Auxiliaries using Local Press	10

MRS. WILTZ LEDBETTER.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SUPPLIES.

A year ago at our meeting in Crowley our Committee on Supplies recommended that the Conference be divided and certain districts send their offering of supplies to certain institution, as follows:

New Orleans and Shreveport Districts—St. Marks.

Baton Rouge and Lafayette Districts—Mary Werlein Mission.

Ruston, Monroe and Alexandria—Scarritt Training School and French Mission.

Also a goal was set for the Year, of seven boxes from each of the seven districts. We have, therefore, worked on this plan, and I beg to report as follows:

Alexandria District—Two boxes clothing, four fruit and preserves. One cash donation from Alexandria, Campti, Oakdale, Jena and Natchitoches, making a total of seven boxes.

Monroe District—Five boxes clothing, one box holly, one box supplies, one cash donation, and one box of fruit,

from Lake Providence, Mer Rouge, Rayville, Winsboro, Buckner and Gilbert, making a total of nine boxes.

Ruston District—One box bed linen, one box supplies. From Homer and Ruston.

Baton Rouge—Four boxes supplies. From Baton Rouge, Amite, Franklinton and Ponchatoula.

Lafayette—One box clothing, one box nuts, candies and canned goods, one box table linen, one coop of chickens and six boxes of supplies. From Lafayette, Crowley, Branch, Lake Charles, Lake Arthur, New Iberia, Rayne and Sulphur. Making a total of ten boxes.

New Orleans—One box clothing and money, two boxes clothing and groceries, one box linen, one box fruit and vegetables, two boxes supplies. From First Church, Felicity, Parker Memorial, Rayne, Slidell, and Plattenville. Making a total of seven boxes.

Shreveport—One barrel clothing and groceries, two rugs, one box can fruit and linen, one box bed linen, three boxes canned goods and cash and three boxes supplies. From First Church, Grand Cane, Greenwood, Keithville, Leesville, Mansfield, Vivian and Coushatta. Making a total of eleven boxes.

Making a total of fifty boxes, with the value of seventeen reported as $521.35. What would have been the money value of the fifty boxes if each Auxiliary had reported the value of their box?

You will notice, that as a whole, counting seven boxes to each district, we reached our goal. However, I am sure it was not the intention of the committee to consider our report on this basis. Strictly speaking, there were five districts that reached their goal, three running somewhat ahead.

It would have been a splendid thing and gratifying to us all if every district had sent in their seven boxes and a few over for good measure.

The letters that have come to me from the institutions and individuals, where sent, indicate that they are very acceptable and much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. L. BAKER,

Supt. of Supplies.

REPORT OF ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

Number of Adult Auxiliaries 14
Number of Y. P. Auxiliaries 4
Number of Junior Auxiliaries 6
Total number of Auxiliaries 24

Three new adult auxiliaries were organized in 1917—Carson, Glenmora, and Pineville; also one new Junior, Bunkie.

Adult membership 345
Y. P. membership 30
Junior membership 60
Total membership 435
Number of Subscribers to Missionary Voice 127
Number of Subscribers to Young Christian Worker... 24
Number of Mission Study Classes 7
Number of Members in Mission Study Classes..... 187
Number of Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer.... 12
Number of Auxiliaries on Honor Roll 3

Alexandria, Adult; Natchitoches, Adult; and Natchitoches, Young People.

Number of Boxes sent 7

Specials—Alexandria two Bible women, Hattie Haas and Emma Owen, and Le Campte one day school.

The year 1917 does not record the great gains we had anticipated and we have not reached our desired goal, but it does tell of a deepening of interest and a splendid service on the part of the women in Alexandria District.

As District Secertary, I want to express my love and appreciation of this service especially for their ready response to the S. O. S. call for financial aid. I feel that I have had the co-operation and support of the women, that this year we have gotten in closer touch with each other and with the Master.

Our gain has been along financial lines. When I first discovered that this was true, I was disappointed that it was not along other lines, but after thinking it over more carefully, I believe that when the women give as they have in Alexandria District, that they are more consecrated, that the women are studying more and working more and praying more or else they would not give. We give because we love and because we know conditions and want to better them.

Best of all there is a notable increase in the number of Auxiliaries observing the Week of Prayer.

District meeting was held in Jena with representatives from Alexandria, Natchitoches, Campti, Good Pine, and Jena. This meeting was a very informal one where practical questions were discussed and problems threshed out. We were brought to a better understanding of our work and received a spiritual blessing from having met together.

We have come upon times that call for larger gifts, upon times that call for the putting away of every form of luxury and extravagance—times that call for sacrifice and self-denial. The times demand a re-consecration and loyalty to God and to our country.

Let us take for our creed for Alexandria District this year the following verses:

"I will be true, for there are those who trust me;
I will be pure, for there are those who care;
I will be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I will be brave, for there is much to dare:
I will be friend to all—the foe—the friendless;
I will be giving and forget the gift;
I will be humble, for I know my weakness;
I will look up—and laugh and love and lift."

MRS. R. W. WINSTEAD,
District Secretary.

REPORT OF BATON ROUGE DISTRICT.

Number of Adult Auxiliaries	11
Number of Young People's Auxiliaries	1
Number of Junior Auxiliaries	3
Total	15
Number of Members of Adult Auxiliaries	191
Number of Members of Young People's Auxiliaries	16
Number of Members of Junior Auxiliaries	17
Total	224
Number of Subscribers to the "Voice"	64
Number of Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer	4
Number of Mission Study Classes	6

Number in Mission Study Classes	81
Number of Auxiliaries using Leaflets and Bulletins	10
Number of Auxiliaries sending boxes (to Mary Werlein Mission, Baton Rouge, Franklinton and St. Francisville)	3
Number of Auxiliaries on Honor Roll	1
Special—Number of Bible Women	1

MRS. J. E. WALTER.

REPORT OF LAFAYETTE DISTRICT.

Number of Adult Auxiliaries	14
Number organized this year	1
Number of Young People's Auxiliaries	4
Number of Junior Auxiliaries	9
Total number of Auxiliaries	27
Number of Adult Members	290
Number of Young People	18
Number of Juniors	113
Mission Study Classes	9
Total number of Members	421
Number of Subscribers to the "Voice"	103
Number of Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer	9
Number of Boxes sent Mary Werlein	7

The splendid co-operation of the Auxiliaries of Lafayette District has been an inspiration to me the three years I have endeavored to serve as District Secretary; and it is with real regret that I am forced to give up the work this year.

While we have attained but three points in our Conference goal, we have made splendid gains in finances and I know the Missionary spirit is gaining in Lafayette District.

Our district meeting, with six Auxiliaries represented, was held in Lake Charles, December 6 and 7.

We reached the following points in our goal: 7 boxes sent; 90 per cent of Auxiliaries observing the Week of Prayer; pledge paid in full by Harvest Day; our pledge of $700, an increase of $225 over 1916, was paid with a nice sum to spare.

Pray that a consecrated leader may be found to take this work.

MRS. W. M. BUCHANAN,
District Secretary.

REPORT OF MONROE DISTRICT.

The report I bring you of the year's work falls far short of the goal for which we have striven, although there has been decided advance in the work.

My joy in the privilege of service in this Department is somewhat shadowed with disappointment that so many of our women remain indifferent, but in spite of this, with world conditions as they are, we feel encouraged.

Number of Adult Auxiliaries 12
(One gained from transfer from Alexandria District.)
Number of Members (increase, 22) 234
Number of Young People's Auxiliaries 4
Number of Members reported 87
Number of Junior Auxiliaries 5
Number of Members reported 70
Number of Subscribers to "Voice" 60
Number of Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer 10
Number of Auxiliaries paying Pledge 16
Number of Mission Study Classes, Adult 8
Number of Mission Study Classes, Y. P. 1

Seven boxes have been reported sent. Five Auxiliaries reported as having War Committees, and all Auxiliaries doing Red Cross work. Four Auxiliaries reported roll of soldiers in Church, and that a copy had been sent to Nashville.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN C. CALHOUN,
District Secretary.

REPORT OF NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Number of Adult Auxiliaries, 15; increase, 2; decrease, 1.
Number of Y. P. Auxiliaries, 16; increase, 3.
Number of Junior Auxiliaries, 10; decrease, 3.
Total number of Auxiliaries, 31.

Membership.

We have enrolled in Adult Auxiliaries, 410; increase of 76.
Y. P. Auxiliaries, 85; increase of 29.
Junior Societies, 293; increase of 68.
Number of Members on Baby Roll, 29; increase of 22.
Subscribers to Missionary Voice, 182; increase, 56.
Subscribers to Y. C. Worker, 88.
Number of Auxiliaries presenting Christian Stewardship, 7.
Number of Mission Study Classes, 9; increase of 6.

Number of Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer, 13; increase of 2.
Number of Boxes sent, 7.
Scholarships—

Rayne Memorial, Adult	$40.00
Rayne Memorial, Y. P.	40.00
	$80.00

Bible Women Supported—

Rayne Memorial	$ 60.00
Carrollton Avenue	60.00
	$120.00

MRS. I. N. NIEBERGALL,
District Secretary.

REPORT OF RUSTON DISTRICT.

Number of Adult Auxiliaries	15
Number organized this year	2
Number lost this year	1
Increase	1
Number of Members	326
Number of Young People's Auxiliaries	2
Number of Members	34
Number of Junior Divisions	5
Number organized this year	1
Number of Members	228
Increase	26
Number of Baby Divisions	3
Number of Members	48
Increase	13
Total number of Members	635
Increase	57
Number of Subscribers to Missionary Voice	106
Number of Subscribers to Young Christian Worker	39
Number of Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer	10
Number of Mission Study Classes	9
Number of Members Mission Study Classes	222
Number of Auxiliaries on Honor Roll	3
Number of Boxes Supplies reported	2

We show an increase in finances. Good work has been done in our District, but there is a great deal yet to be done for our Master. The two Adult Auxiliaries organized this year are Bryceland by Ruston Auxiliary, and one at Pleasant Valley Church by Minden Auxiliary.

Quite a number of our Auxiliaries are doing Red Cross work, and have Honor Rolls in their churches for the brave boys who have gone to war.

Several Auxiliaries are sending weekly letters to their enlisted boys and are serving in every way possible to help our country in this terrible crisis.

I cannot close my report without telling of the splendid work our Young People have done in their organization at the Ruston Orphanage. These noble girls pledged $20 for 1917 and paid it. I feel that God will bless such service.

MRS. JOE R. MILLER,
District Secretary.

REPORT OF SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Number of Adult Auxiliaries	23
Number of Auxiliaries organized this year	4
Number of Y. P. Auxiliaries	7
Number of Junior Auxiliaries	6
	40

Number of Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer, 5 reported.

Specials—One day school in China, two scholarships, three missionaries, one Bible woman.

MRS. BEN JOHNSON,
District Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER WOMAN'S BOARD OF CITY MISSIONS, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Receipts, 1917—

Balance	$ 530.04
From regular pledges	675.25
From extra pledges	216.99
From St. Mark's Hall	1,174.77
For Help of Needy	50.80
From other sources	68.02
From Council (general expenses)	3,960.00
From 10 per cent appropriation	200.25
Building Fund	3,435.99
Total	$10,312.11

Total of $703.20 received in April and spent on Council meeting. This was not reported to Mrs. J. J. Holmes, Treasurer, and will be entered in 1917 or 1918, subject to her approval.

Expenditures, 1917—

For Expenses St. Mark's Hall	$ 2,802.33
For Salaries St. Mark's Hall	2,330.00
For Mary Werlein Mission	232.80
For Salaries at Mary Werlein Mission	421.75
For other Expenses	52.57
For Building Fund	2,762.92
	$ 8,602.37
Balance	1,709.74
	$10,312.11

MRS. D. B. CARRE, Treasurer.

REPORT OF CITY MISSION BOARD.

Mary Werlein Mission.

This has been one of the best years in the history of the Board. Growth along all lines has been noted, the meetings have been well attended and much interest manifested. For a while work was suspended at Mary Werlein Mission, pending the arrival of Miss Graham, the Deaconess appointed by the Council to take charge there. She arrived in September and won the confidence of the people of the neighborhood almost at once. To-day she occupies a place in their affection second only to that formerly occupied by our beloved Mrs. Meekins. She has established an office in the building, and in the mornings stays there to receive all comers and help them in every difficulty. In the afternoons she visits the sick, and reads and prays with those who will accept her ministry. Often she takes delicacies to them that have been sent by the Auxiliaries, either in the city or from some of the splendid boxes that are received from time to time from out-of-town members. The Board is most grateful for the thoughtfulness that prompts our friends to remember these needy ones and gives assurance of the comfort and happiness they often bring to some poor sufferer.

The Woman's Missionary Society has been re-organized and the various Auxiliaries affiliated with the Board go once a month to assist with the program. Miss Graham assists in the Sunday school and the Epworth League and in every way strives to help the people, physically, spiritually, and morally.

St. Mark's Hall.

At St. Mark's our work is rather more on the Settlement type. There we have established departments of work, such as sewing, domestic science, knitting, clinic, girls' and boys' clubs; we have a supply store, a reading-room, and night classes. The older girls are organized into a Camp-fire chapter and also have a junior Missionary Society. We are headquarters for one of the largest and livest Boy Scout Troops in the city. We do all we can to awaken and foster a spirit of patriotism. As the people we reach through St. Mark's are foreigners, we have the two-fold duty of Christianizing and Americanizing them. So the Scouts have been encouraged in the Liberty Loan Drive and the girls took a precinct on Woman's Registration day, sold War Saving Stamps, secured signers for the food pledge, and canvassed for the Anti-tuberculosis Society.

Our Clinic has done a wonderful amount of work this year and we are more than grateful to the doctors who have given their time and services so freely. Dr. King, Dr. Hume and Dr. Patton deserve especial mention. Our Nurse Deaconess took a Laboratory course in the fall and the clinic committee equipped the laboratory, so that all the specimen work is done in the building; 1150 children and 1250 adults were treated during the year. A very small charge is made, but with such a large number of patients it has proved almost sufficient to provide the upkeep of the clinic.

During the year the Board of Missions, through Mr. Thomas, built a cozy little chapel on Rampart Street, and the congregation which is the outward and visible evidence of the spiritual work that has been done at St. Mark's is now worshiping there. The congregation is made up largely, but by no means solely of Italians, who are enthusiastic about their new church.

In April the Board had the great honor and happiness of entertaining the Woman's Missionary Council. The coming of this fine body of women, the leaders of missionary thought and action in Southern Methodism, proved a source of inspiration and education to all who attended the Council sessions. The Council realizes the need of a permanent and properly equipped building for the work among our foreign population, and appropriated $2000 toward a building fund.

We have adopted a rather unique plan to interest church members who do not come to our meetings in the work of our two missions. Working on the theory that the redemption of the city should be the work of the entire Church, and not of the Woman's Missionary Society alone, we believe that if the church members were made to see the needs as we saw them and some definite way pointed out whereby they could help, they would be glad of the opportunity. We therefore offered to take care of all the morning services in the various churches on the Sunday that the ministers were at Conference. The Pastors gladly accepted the offer. We sent two of our members to each church. They conducted the service according to the ritual and then, instead of a sermon, told the congregation of our work and our needs and then invited them to become co-workers in our efforts. For two years we have tried this plan with such success that we have decided to make it a permanent feature.

MRS. JOHN B. PARKER,
President.

REPORT OF WORK OF FRENCH MISSION FIELD IN HOUMA, AND THROUGHOUT TERREBONNE AND LAFOURCHE PARISHES.

We began our work in the French Mission District in September, 1917, and although the field had been well opened by the workers preceding us, there was still much pioneer work to be done.

We are this year undertaking something new, something that has not been tried before by the Council, itiner-

ating evangelistic and educational work. Our field covers the two parishes of Terrebonne and Lafourche, with a population of 61,000. We have established headquarters in Houma and work out from there, having four other mission stations.

Our home is perhaps the most influential feature. We have two girls who assist with the work, receive home and religious training, and attend the public school. Many visitors from "down the bayous" are entertained in our home for one or more days together, thus having their first impression of a real Christian home that is properly ordered.

During the five and a half months we have been in this field, we have travelled 1820 miles, have made 389 visits, including many to the old and sick—the "shut-ins," and have distributed some 250 garments to the needy.

We are hoping that eventually our home will be developed into a Christian Industrial School for the training of girls.

(Miss) E. K. HOOPER,
(Mrs.) LAURA M. WHITE,
Workers in Charge.

MEMORIAL FROM LOUISIANA CONFERENCE TO WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

Owing to the urgent and crying need of an Industrial School for girls in our French Mission center, we earnestly urge the Council to consider the advisability of an appropriation for this purpose. A suitable site of sixteen acres, with house large enough in which to begin work, is now being offered for Eight Thousand Dollars. In the name of these needy ones, who have been denied the better things of life, we ask your earnest and prayerful consideration of this memorial.

MRS. E. R. KENNEDY,
Conf. Supt., Social Service.
MRS. C. F. NIEBERGALL,
President.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. D. M. HAYS

MRS. M. E. GIRARD

MRS. J. G. ROWLAND

MRS. MOLLIE BAIRD

MRS. C. T. BUTLER

MRS. R. E. LEE

MRS. B. T. MOSELY

MRS. D. A. HARPER

MRS. I. N. ROBERTSON

MRS. J. H. KIRKPATRICK

MRS. J. M. NABOR, Sr.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXTENSION OF WORK AND FINANCE.

In order to reach the goal set by our Council of a ten per cent increase in membership, organizations and finances, we recommend that our District goal shall be:

1. (a) Two new Adult organizations.
   One Young People's organization.
   One new Junior organization.
   One new Baby Division.
   (b) That our financial gain be $1,400.00, or $200.00 per District as a minimum.
   (c) That there be a ten per cent increase in Mission Study and Bible Study.
   (d) That ten boxes from ten Auxiliaries in each District be sent.
   (e) That one hundred per cent of the Auxiliaries observe the Week of Prayer. That every Auxiliary—Adult, Young People and Junior—in every District observe the Week of Prayer.
   (f) That the pledge be paid in full by Harvest Day.
   (g) That we do definite Social Service Work.

2. That a campaign for new members and new auxiliaries be begun immediately.

3. In order to forward the campaign for new auxiliaries we place a Conference organizer in the field as soon as possible.

8. That the first meeting in January be observed by all auxiliaries as pledge day, and that pledge cards be placed in the hand of every member.

9. That the solicitation of pledges be continued until each member has made response.

10. That the envelope system be used for offerings where the budget plan is not used.

11. That Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers procure new record books as soon as they are ready for distribution.

12. That we instruct our representatives to the Council to make a pledge for our Conference of $6,000.00.

13. We suggest that Auxiliaries adopt the budget plan of collecting offerings.

14. That as a Conference we make our budget for 1918, $15,000.00.

MRS. J. J. HOLMES, Chairman.
MRS. R. W. WINSTEAD, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULES.

1. Application for all specials shall be made through the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

2. The Conference Treasurer shall notify the Conference Corresponding Secretary when the money is in hand to meet specials, specfying by whom paid.

4. At each Annual and District Meeting, public collections shall be taken for the Conference work.

5. The Conference Treasurer shall advance to the Conference Corresponding Secretary $15.00 per quarter for office expenses.

6. All Auxiliaries shall hold their business meetings the first week of the month.

7. Auxiliaries shall use the Installation Service provided by the Woman's Missionary Council for Adults and Young People at the first meeting after the election of officers, or in connection with service of installing officers of entire Church.

8. An editor and an associate editor, both living in the same town, shall be appointed by the chair to arrange and print the Conference Minutes.

9. The Conference and Council Minutes shall be used by the Auxiliaries throughout the year. An Institute on the Minutes shall be a part of each District Meeting.

10. That in addition to the regular dues of 20 cents per month, each member be taxed 5 cents per month to provide a Conference expense, Retirement and Relief fund.

12. That each auxiliary pay $4 for the Scarritt Loan Fund.

MRS. J. J. HOLMES, Chairman.
MRS. R. W. WINSTEAD, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Realizing that the young people are the future leaders of our Missionary work, we submit the following recommendations:

1. That in every church where there are as many as six young people an effort be made to organize them into a Young People's Missionary Society.

2. That the Adult Auxiliaries consult the young people as to selection of their First Vice President.

3. We ask that our women in the Conference pray earnestly for a heartier and more general co-operation of the mothers.

4. That the First Vice President insist upon programs being so well prepared and rendered that the young people will be vitally interested.

5. That great care be given to reports and reporting correctly on time and to the proper officer.

6. That the officers of the Young People's Missionary Society have a more hearty co-operation from their corresponding adult officers.

7. That we make a special effort to enlist the boys and young men as members of our Young People's Missionary Society.

8. That we encourage the young people to make charts and posters illustrating programs.

9. That each District Secretary observe a young people's rally day some time during the year, inviting all enlisted and unenlisted young people in the District.

10. That all First Vice Presidents encourage the young people to write missionary stories, songs and poems to be submitted to the State First Vice President, and the best ones to be used in District or Annual meeting.

11. That we set as our goal a Young People's Mission-

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ing the highest number of credits and the greatest advance in all other departments will win the loving cup so generously given by Mrs. A. W. Baird, Shreveport. La.

MRS. W. T. CUNNINGHAM, Chairman.
MRS. H. A. SHEPPARD, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S WORK.

We recommend:

1. The use of the Year Book, with its beautiful patriotic cover, which furnishes splendid material and direction for uniform program work for the year.

2. That we especially urge that a scrapbook called "Our Specials" be made with "Kindergarten all around the World" and "Our Gardens of Children" for the Baby Division, and for the Juniors "Our Mines Again" for the Home Work and "Little Koreans in the Land of Chosen" for the foreign field. And also one with pictures of our home life, customs and holidays (Thanksgiving and Christmas) to be sent to Korea.

3. That wherever possible a "Mother's Club" be formed and instructive information be given on the children's work and "The Specials," using every method to educate the mothers with the children in financing the work of the child for the kingdom of God.

4. That we continue the use of the Missionary Catechism and endeavor to place it in the hands of the children, mothers and Sunday school teachers, and same be used as a text-book throughout the year. (Price 5 cents.)

5. The use of the pledge card, and that the children, with the help of their mothers, after prayerful consideration make the pledge together. In order to reach our pledge we must have 10 per cent increase in finances, our pledge being $500.00, same as last year.

6. That we enter at once upon a campaign to reach our goal—"A Children's Society in every Church" (Junior and Baby Division). And a "Young Christian Worker" in every home.

7. That the Standard of Excellence be kept before the children, and they be encouraged to strive diligently to win the memorial cup donated by Mrs. O. P. Gahagan, of Shreveport, La. That the Executive meetings be held quarterly, at which time the young officers be instructed in their work.

8. That the children have a representative at all Annual and District meetings—the Auxiliary Second Vice President being their representative, and

9. That the Adult Auxiliary should be interested in the Children's work to the extent of visiting their meetings and a prayer be offered in behalf of the children at each regular monthly meeting.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULES FOR JUNIOR SOCIETIES.

1. That a Children's Missionary Society be organized in every Church in our Conference if possible.

2. That a strong effort be made to place the Young Christian Worker in the homes of all the children of the Church.

3. That one day of the Week of Prayer be given to the children, and a special program be prepared for them.

4. That at each District and Annual Meeting, an hour be given to the work of the Children's Department, and

5. That the children be kept in touch with the Specials assigned them by the Council.

MRS. B. F. KEY, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICITY AND MISSION STUDY.

Your Committee on Publicity and Mission Study beg to submit the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. That the auxiliary superintendents use the Conference Reports and the Council Reports as a part of their study course, so that the members of the auxiliaries may become familiar with the work as a whole; and that the presidents of the auxiliaries occasionally read in their open meetings the duties of the various officers, that none may fail to know what each office entails upon the holder.

2. That where auxiliaries have found any book of study specially attractive, they recommend same to other societies, and that the different auxiliaries communicate with each other on this line, with a view to the exchange of books. This plan would be especially helpful in the case of societies in churches located in the same towns.

3. That we adopt the suggestion made in the March Bulletin of observing Literature Day.

4. We most earnestly recommend that the Conference consider the advisability of dividing the work now in this department into two departments, one for publicity alone, and the other for mission study and Bible study. Almost without exception, the superintendents have expressed their opinion that no one woman can successfully carry on both the publicity and the study work and do justice to either. Each work is too important to be sacrificed in the effort to do both.

5. That each auxiliary superintendent give careful and prayerful thought to the different text books suggested by the Education Department, and select the one best adapted to the needs of her own auxiliary.

6. That the subject of Study and Publicity be presented at each District Conference and that each auxiliary begin now the collection of posters and that they be sent to the District meetings and to the Annual meetings, so that they may give inspiration and suggestion to other superintendents.

7. That all auxiliary superintendents of Study and Publicity apply to the Conference Superintendent of her department for a year-book and helps for missionary societies and all literature setting forth her duties.

8. That we have Mrs. Holt's report printed in full and used in Mission Study classes.

REPORT OF SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE.

This Committee recommends:

1. The appointment of a Social Service Committee in each auxiliary, whose duty shall be to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Leaflet and the Questionnaire, so as to present the topic at the regular meeting in the last month of each quarter.

2. That the W. M. S. endorse the act which will come before the next session of the Louisiana Legislature, providing for the establishment and maintenance of a State School for Defective Girls, and that we work for the same.

3. That as the studies for the year center on Sabbath observance, we urge the closing of the State Fair on Sunday. To this end we ask the co-operation of Christian people of Shreveport and of those in the near-by towns and cities.

4. That the W. M. S. approve the ratification by States of the Federal Amendment in regard to Prohibition and ask the Senators and Representatives to vote for the ratification of this amendment.

5. That we ask the influence of the W. M. S. against immoral and indecent picture shows and try to have them replaced by clean dramatic material.

6. That we try to secure the passage of a law requesting jitney drivers to produce acceptable character certificates before securing a license.

7. That we organize community clubs among the colored people and help them to help themselves.

8. That in each auxiliary we appoint a war committee, this committee to secure a list of the boys and men from their own community and keep in touch with them by prayer and service.

MRS. E. R. KENNEDY,
Chairman of Social Service Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES.

Realizing that the work of our missions is often hindered by lack of equipment and the needs of our institutional homes are similar to the needs of our own homes, we request that our Auxiliaries lay on their hearts the need of these institutions when replenishing their own households, and when preserving the fruits which our Father bountifully gives us, to tithe with these Missions, we recommend:

1. That our goal for the year be at least 1 box from ten Auxiliaries in each District.

2. That in order to reach this goal, there be a Superintendent of Supplies in each Auxiliary, and that she shall acquaint herself with the needs of the institution to which her District is to send supplies, and that she shall report each box and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

3. That the clothing sent be in good condition, and that boxes be neatly packed, thereby raising the standard. That a card notifying shipment of box be sent to Deaconess in charge of the Mission.

4. That as soon as Young Christian Worker, Missionary Voice, and other missionary magazines have been read, they be forwarded to Mary Werlein Mission or French Mission at Houma.

5. That New Orleans and Shreveport Districts send boxes to St. Mark's, Miss Helen Gibson, Deaconess. Baton Rouge and Lafayette Districts, Mary Werlein Mission, Miss Aletha Graham, Deaconess; Ruston, Monroe and Alexandria Districts, Scarritt Training School, Miss M. L. Gibson, Kansas City, Kansas, and French Mission, Houma, Louisiana, Miss Ella Hooper, Deaconess.

MRS. H. L. BAKER, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, at the conclusion of the Eighth Annual Meeting, in Shreveport, La., beg to submit the following:

1. That we extend sincere thanks and appreciation for the cordial welcome and genuine hospitality accorded us during this session of the Woman's Conference. We are grateful for the homes so graciously opened to us, for the kindly greetings from pastors and from Mrs. English, who brought us words of welcome from the local Auxiliary and we feel that it has been indeed good to have been here. We especially wish to thank the Ladies of the different churches for the pleasant Social Hour in the church parlors, the delightful luncheons served each day and the very interesting automobile drive through your beautiful city.

2. We have been greatly aided by the untiring interest and services of Rev. C. D. Atkinson, Dr. Shankle, Mrs. Sexton, Mrs. Baird, Miss Gatewood, and many others, who have

left nothing undone for the success of this Conference. We also wish to express appreciation of the lovely flowers, the beautiful church building, so well equipped in every way, the splendid music rendered by choir and those contributing special music; the program, so well given by the children under Mrs. Key's leadership and the beautiful Pageant, rendered so effectively by the Young People, under the direction of Mrs. Foster.

3. That we thank the papers of Shreveport for the liberal space given to our meetings and proceedings.

4. That with deep gratitude we acknowledge the messages and counsel of our Conference guests—Mrs. H. R. Steele, Miss Bess Combs, Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Mrs. L. White, Mrs. R. F. Harrell; Deaconesses Helen Gibson and Grace Gatewood.

MRS. W. D. HAAS,
MRS. P. L. LAWRENCE,
MRS. R. E. BOBBITT,
MRS. STUART WHITE.

ROLL OF HONOR

1918.

Adult—Alexandria, Natchitoches, Baton Rouge, Homer, Mansfield, Shreveport (First Church).

Young People—Natchitoches, Rayne, Ruston (Orphanage), Mansfield, Shreveport (First Church).

Juniors—New Orleans (Parker Memorial), Homer.

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE—ADULT.

Adult Auxiliaries—	Credits
1. Each new member	1
2. Average attendance at each meeting equal to one-half of the membership	5
3. Dues paid in full and Conference Expense Fund paid by each member	10
4. Conference pledge paid to date	10
5. Monthly Bulletin presented—program on the monthly topic and prayers for the work and workers once a month	5
6. Subscribers to the Missionary Voice equal to one-half the membership	5
7. Week of Prayer observed	5

8. Young People's Societies organized by First Vice President 10
9. Children organized under Second Vice President:
   (a) Baby Division 5
   (b) Junior Division 5
10. Bible study class 5
11. Mission study 5
12. All reports mailed to Conference officers by the first day of each quarter 5
13. Regular work done by Social Service Committee.... 10
14. Representation at Annual and District meetings 10

(Any auxiliary whose reports show that it is entitled to 75 credits will be placed on the Honor Roll. Keep this list and send to the District Secretary at the close of the last quarter of the year.)

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE.

	Credits
1. Each Mission Study Class	10
2. Each Bible Study Class	10
3. Prompt and accurate quarterly reports	10
4. One delegate to Annual Conference Meeting	10
5. Two delegates to District Meeting	10
6. Each new member	1
7. Membership offering paid for every member	20
8. Contribution to Council Pledge	10
9. Retirement and Relief Fund paid	10
10. Conference Expense Fund paid	10

An auxiliary must have a total of at least 91 credits in order to be given a place on the Roll of Honor. Each auxiliary attaining this standard by the end of 1918 will be awarded a ribbon bearing the words "Roll of Honor, 1918."

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE.

Junior Division—	Credits
Each new member	1
Average attendance at each meeting of one-half the membership	10
Regular monthly offering	20
Contribution to Council pledge	20
Each mission study class	20

One subscriber to Young Christian Worker for every three members 10
Week of Prayer observed 10
Promotion exercises from the Baby Division to the Junior Division 5

(Any auxiliary making seventy-five points is entitled to a place on the Honor Roll and will receive a Certificate of Honor.)

SPECIALS SUPPORTED BY LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

MISSIONARIES.

Name.	Date Taken.	Place.	Supported By
1—Miss Anna B. Williams	1916	Japan	First Church, Shreveport
2—Miss Pauline Randle	1918	Korea	

DAY SCHOOLS.

1—Mary Virginia Nabors	1913	Wusih School, Soochow, China	Mrs. E. A. Nabors, Mansfield, La.
2—Cox-Lyon	1914	Sunkiang, China	Mrs. Anna Cox-Lyon, Meeker

BIBLE WOMEN.

1—Nannie Battle	1899	Davidson Mem. School, Soochow, China	First Church, Shreveport
2—Dorothy Wilmot	1901	Laura Haygood School, Soochow, China	Mrs. R. W. Wilmot, New Orleans
3—Priscilla Bentley	1908	Alice Cobb Bible School, Wonsan, Korea	Carrollton Ave. Aux., New Orleans
4—Hattie Haas	1912	Pyang-Kong Circuit, Seoul, Korea	Mrs. W. D. Haas, Alexandria
5—Emma Owen	1913	Huchow, China	Owen S. S. Class, Alexandria, La.
6—Fannie Newsome	1916	Hays-Wilkins School, Sunkiang, China	Mrs. W. H. Newsome, Baton Rouge, La.

STATION PLAN.

3 Shares	1913	Alice Cobb Bible Woman's School, Wonsan, Korea	Mrs. I. G. Gayden, Gurley, La.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

1—Lee Dicks	1899	Holston Ins., Songdo, Korea	Rayne Mem. Y. P. Aux., New Orleans, La.
2—Marguerite Crain	1899	Virginia School, Huchow, China	First Church Aux., Shreveport
3—Belle O'Pry	1905	Mary Keener Ins., Mexico City	Rayne Mem. Aux., New Orleans
4—Bettie Martin	1906	Holston Ins., Songdo, Korea	Mrs. N. R. Grigsby, Minden
5—Sara Burton	1908	Piraciaba, Brazil	Crowley Aux.
6—Maccie Haas	1912	Choon Chun, Korea	Mrs. Roy Harrison, Bunkie
7—Francis Howell	1913	Ribeirao Preto, Brazil	Greenwood Aux.
8—Anna Trosper	1913	Holston Ins., Songdo, Korea	Greenwood Jun. Aux.
9—Ida Lee Chapman	1917	Soochow, China	First Church, Shreveport Juniors.

STUDENTS AT SCARRITT.

1916-17..Miss Pauline Randle ..... Harrisonburg, La.

STUDENT AT ATHENS COLLEGE, ATHENS, ALA.

1916-17..Miss Clara Chalmers ..... New Orleans

LOUISIANA MISSIONARIES AND DEACONESSES IN ACTIVE SERVICE.

Appointment.		Home Address.	Field.	Field Address.
1901..	Miss Helen Johnston	Opelousas, La.	Brazil	Collegio Methodista, Ribeirao Preto, Brazil
1908..	Mrs. Nellie O'Beirne	Zwolle, La.	Mexico	Apartado 103, Durango, Mexico

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1912..	Deaconess Eliza Iles	Dry Creek, La.	Louisiana	908 Esplanade Ave., St. Mark's Hall, N. O.
1907..	Miss Kathron Wilson, nurse.	Henrietta, Texas	Louisiana	908 Esplanade Ave., St. Mark's Hall, N. O.
1910..	Miss Maria W. Capers, Kindergartner	Charleston, S. C.	Louisiana	908 Esplanade Ave., St. Mark's Hall, N. O.

MARY WERLEIN MISSION.

	Miss A. Graham	New Orleans, La.	Louisiana	Tchoupitoulas St., Mary Werlein Mission

FRENCH MISSION FIELD.

1917..	Mrs. Laura M. White	Houma	Louisiana	Houma, La.
	Miss Ella Hooper	Houma	Louisiana	Houma, La.
1915..	Deaconess Grace Gatewood, Pastor's Assistant	Myra, Texas	Louisiana	First Church, Shreveport

IN SERVICE IN OTHER STATES.

1910..	Deaconess Mary Daniel	Opelousas, La.	Mississippi	Y. W. Co-operative Home, Corinth, Miss.

NOT NOW IN ACTIVE SERVICE.

1889..	Miss Sallie M. Phillips	Homer, La.		
1904..	Miss Ada Parker	New Orleans, La.		

CONSTITUTION FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Society auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Council.

2. The object of this society is to plan and direct the woman's missionary work of the Conference.

3. The Conference Society shall consist of one or more delegates from each auxiliary, a District Secretary from each district, and the following officers: A President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies. These officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual session and shall constitute the Executive Committee. The President and the Corresponding Secretary shall be members of the Woman's Missionary Council.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. The Executive Committee shall transact business in the interim of the annual sessions. Five shall constitute a quorum.

2. Conference officers shall be nominated and elected by ballot.

3. The District Secretaries shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, the Vice Presidents, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer and shall be elected by acclamation.

4. Two members of the Executive Committee of the Conference shall be elected at each annual session as alternates to the Woman's Missionary Council.

5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and shall actively advance the interests of the work. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

6. The Vice Presidents shall perform the duties of the President in her absence.

7. The First Vice President shall have charge of the young people's work and shall report quarterly to the First Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Council and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

The Second Vice President shall have charge of the children's work and shall report quarterly to the Second Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Council and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

8. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society and supply the auxiliaries with information and with literature if so ordered by the Conference. She shall promote Christian stewardship and shall use all possible means for the organiation of Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and shall report each new organization to the Secretary of the Home Base, to whom she shall also make quarterly reports of the work of the Conference by the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and report the preceding session of the Woman's Missionary Council. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

9. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and keep the minutes of the same on record.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Society, keeping an account with each auxiliary and submitting the same annually to an auditor. She shall disburse the Conference expense funds on the written order of the President and the Corresponding Secretary. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and shall send itemized reports promptly on the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, therewith transmitting such funds as are collected for the general treasury. She shall also send an itemized statement to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and to the President.

11. The District Secretaries shall organize Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries and use every available means to promote the work of the Woman's Missionary Society in their districts. They shall present a report of their work at the District Conference and shall hold annual meetings in the district and all-day meetings whenever practicable. They shall conduct the correspondence with auxiliaries and send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society.

12. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall promote mission study and Bible study and shall disseminate missionary information through the Church and secular press. She shall report quarterly to the Educational Secretary.

13. The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social reforms. She shall report quarterly to the Council Superintendent of Social Service.

14. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and needed supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report quarterly to the Council Superintendent of Supplies.

15. Conference Societies shall not project new work nor respond to special calls for aid unless authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council.

16. The membership funds of all auxiliary societies—Adult, Young People's, and Children's—also funds contributed to make life members, honorary life members, and honorary life patrons, are a part of the general fund which cannot be directed by the Conference.

17. A Conference Expense Fund shall be provided by Conference assessment, the basis to be determined by each Conference according to the requirements. In no case shall membership dues or pledge funds be used for Conference expenses.

18. The thank offering during the Week of Prayer shall be applied to some specific object, to be determined each year by the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session.

19. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the Council.

20. The last half hour of each forenoon during the annual session of the Conference shall be devoted to Bible study.

ADULT AUXILIARIES.

Constitution.

Any number of women may form an Adult Society auxiliary to the Conference Woman's Missionary Society by adopting the following Constitution and By-Laws and electing the officers herein provided:

1. This society shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of the —— Church, auxiliary to —— Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the women, young people, and children in a study of the needs of the world and in active missionary service; by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home

and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Woman Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

3. Any one may become a member of this auxiliary by giving prayer and service and by paying twenty cents per month.

Each member shall be asked to make a voluntary offering for the maintenance and extension of the general work. Such funds shall constitute the pledge of the auxiliary. The dues, pledge, and any other undirected funds shall be prorated by the Council, forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the foreign work. Opportunities shall be given for offerings to be directed by individual donors for the support of special work. These special offerings by individuals shall not be prorated.

4. Any one may become a life member of the auxiliary by the payment of twenty-five dollars, an honorary life member by the payment of one hundred dollars, and an honorary life patron by the payment of three hundred dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the auxiliary. Such membership should be considered as an honor and should not release the holders from the obligations of active membership.

5. A name may be placed on the memorial roll by the gift of twenty-five dollars for this specific purpose.

6. Every auxiliary member shall pay toward the Relief and Retirement Fund and the Conference Expense Fund.

7. The auxiliary shall carry on local work, which shall consist of the care of the parsonage and the charity work of the Church. This work may be done through a committee, the funds to be raised as the auxiliary directs.

8. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the auxiliary.

9. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of the work. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to the consideration of plans and financial pledges for the new year and to the installation of officers. At the last business meeting of the fiscal year the annual election of officers shall be held.

By-Laws.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the auxiliary and shall actively advance its interests. In her absence one of the Vice Presidents shall assume her duties.

2. The First Vice President shall be responsible for the organization of the Young People's Auxiliary and shall develop and direct its work. She shall send reports when required by the First Vice President of the Conference.

The Second Vice President shall develop and direct the work of the children's auxiliary. She shall send a quarterly report to the Second Vice President of the Conference.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and shall promote Christian stewardship. She shall send to the District Secretary full reports by the first of January, April, July, and October. She shall also send to the District Secretary and Conference Corresponding Secretary the names and addresses of all newly elected officers of the auxiliary. She shall send her books to the district meeting for examination.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all moneys of the auxiliary, keep an account of the same, and make an itemized report monthly to the auxiliary. She shall remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October, giving an itemized statement of the amount, a duplicate of the same to be furnished the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually.

6. The Assistant Treasurer shall have charge of local funds. She shall make a monthly report to the auxiliary, and she shall furnish the Treasurer a quarterly statement to be included in her report. She shall pay out money from the local treasury only upon an order signed by both the President of the auxiliary and the chairman of the local committee.

The auxiliary as a society shall not assume obligation for the assistance or support of outside organiations, such as orphanages, hospitals, travelers' aids, Y. W. C. A., etc.

7. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall be responsible for the organiation of mission study and Bible study classes and prayer circles and for the dissemination of missionary information through the Church and secular press. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Study and Publicity.

8. The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social questions and shall seek to bring about social reforms. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

9. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and necessary supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

10. The Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendents shall make written reports at the regular meetings.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AUXILIARIES.

Constitution.

1. This auxiliary shall be called the Young People's Society of —— Church, auxiliary to —— Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the young people in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Woman's Misisonary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

3. Anyone between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one may become a member of the auxiliary by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated offering monthly or quarterly. Each member shall be asked to make an offering for the maintenance or extension of such objects of work in the home and foreign fields as are assigned to the young people by the Council. Such funds shall constitute the pledge of the auxiliary.

Membership funds and pledges shall be prorated by the Council Treasurer, forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the foreign work.

Each member shall be expected to contribute to the Retirement and Relief Fund and to the Conference Expense Fund.

4. Anyone may become a life member of the auxiliary by the payment of fifteen dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge

nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the auxiliary.

5. A name may be placed on the memorial fund by the gift of fifteen dollars for this specific purpose.

6. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and the Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies.

7. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of the work. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the annual election of officers. At the following meeting there shall be a full report of the year's work, installation of officers, and consideration of plans for work and financial pledges for the new year.

By-Laws.

1. The President shall preside at the meeting of the auxiliary and shall in every way advance its interests. In the absence of the President one of the Vice Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice President shall keep in touch with the First Vice President of the Conference and shall report to her quarterly the full scope of the work.

The Second Vice President shall assist the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary in superintending the Children's Auxiliary.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and shall promote Christian stewardship. She shall report the full scope of the work quarterly to the District Secretary, to whom she shall send the names and addresses of the newly elected officers.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and shall see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a ledger account of the same, and remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October.

6. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall be responsible for the organization of mission study and Bible study classes, for prayer circles, and for the dissemination of missionary information through the Church and secular press. She shall have charge of subscriptions to the Missionary Voice and the Young Christian Worker. She shall

report quarterly on the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Study and Publicity.

7. The Superintendent of Social Service shall have charge of social service studies issued by the Council. She shall co-operate wherever possible in the social service movements of her Church and community. She shall report quarterly on the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

8. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the packing and sending of boxes of supplies to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

CHILDREN'S AUXILIARIES.

Constitution.

1. This auxiliary shall be called the Children's Society of —— Church, auxiliary to —— Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of the auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by giving the children of the Church missionary education, training them for Christian service, and by cultivating in them habits of liberal and systematic giving and of daily Bible study and prayer.

3. The Children's Auxiliary shall consist of Baby and Junior Divisions, under the direction of the Second Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, whose work shall be correlated with that of the Conference Second Vice President. All membership, mite box, and other undirected funds shall be sent through the Conference Treasurer, to be prorated by the Council on the basis of forty per cent to home and sixty per cent to foreign work.

Baby Division.

1. Any child six years of age or under may become a member of the Baby Division upon the payment of an enrollment fee of twenty-five cents. Each member of the Baby Division shall be given a certificate of membership and shall be furnished with a mite box for voluntary offerings. The mite boxes shall be opened and their contents sent quarterly

by the Treasurer of the Junior Division to the Conference Treasurer. Where there is no Junior Division through which to report, the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary shall send the money of the Baby Division to the Conference Treasurer.

2. Anyone may become a life member of the Baby Division of the Children's Auxiliary by the payment of five dollars, provided the money be paid for that specific purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the Baby Division of the Children's Auxiliary.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. Special meetings for the members of the Baby Division shall be arranged by the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary, at which time inspirational programs shall be presented.

5. Members of the Baby Division, at the age of six years, shall be promoted to the Junior Division and shall be given certificates of promotion.

6. The Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary shall have charge of the Baby Division.

Junior Division.

1. Any child between the ages of six and fourteen may become a member of the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated monthly offering to missions. Each member of the Junior Division shall be furnished with a mite box for voluntary offerings. Mite boxes shall be opened quarterly, and the contents, with all other offerings, shall be sent to the Conference Treasurer.

2. Anyone may become a life member of the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary by the payment of ten dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. The officers of the Junior Division shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity and of Social Service. These officers, with the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary, shall hold a meeting of the Committee of the Children's Auxiliary.

5. The Junior Division shall meet at least twice a month to transact necessary business and to follow the lines of study arranged by the Woman's Missionary Council, for which programs shall be furnished. At the close of each quarter the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary shall hold a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Junior Division to see that the work of the quarter is correctly and promptly reported to the proper officers. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the election of officers. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to making plans and financial pledges for the new year's work.

By-Laws.

1. The President shall preside at the meeting of the auxiliary and in every way advance its interests. In the absence of the President one of the Vice Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice President shall assist in the work of the Baby Division. The Second Vice President shall be agent for the Young Christian Worker.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and promote Christian stewardship and shall report quarterly to the District Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall send the names and addresses of all newly elected officers to the District Secretary.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings of the auxiliary and shall see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a ledger account of the same, and shall remit to the Conference Treasurer quarterly. The Treasurer's books shall be audited annually.

6. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall assist in organizing and developing mission study and Bible study classes and shall send items of missionary news to the Young Christian Worker and local papers.

7. The Superintendent of Social Service shall assist in directing the children in carrying out such lines of social service study and activity as are sent out by the Council.

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